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## RURAL CHURCHES URGED TO JOIN PARADE OF PROGRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(BR)—The church must join the parade of progress if it is to retain its rightful place of first importance in the rural community, Editor Ferdie Deering of the *Oklahoma Farmer-Stockman* declared in an article written especially for the *Baptist Messenger*. "People are hungry for the old-time gospel, but they want to get it in modern, attractive, and comfortable surroundings," Deering said. "The world still needs the true-to-the-Bible preaching that attracted

farm families to the old fashioned brush arbor, but brush arbor accommodations won't cause the world today to turn to the one thing it needs most—the gospel of Christ."

Deering reminded his readers: "Grandfather wanted the best he could get for his church, and today's man and woman and boy and girl demand the best that today has to offer."

"Rural people are more prosperous today than ever before. The argument (Continued on Page Two)

## SHIPLER REFUTES CUSHING DEFENSE OF STEPINAC Says Vatican Doesn't Want Stepinac Facts Reported

Bq Religious News Service  
NEW YORK — Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac was termed a "quisling collaborator with Hitler" in a statement issued here by the Rev. Guy Emery Shippler, editor of the churchman, on behalf of the group of Protestant clergymen who recently toured Yugoslavia.

The statement, which declared that the facts in the Archbishop's case "are the last things the Roman hierarchy wants reported in this country or elsewhere," was a reply to Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, who had denounced the Protestant churchmen for asserting that Catholics in Yugoslavia enjoy religious freedom and that Archbishop Stepinac was not convicted as a religious believer.

Dr. Shippler declared that his group did "not intend to be bullied, even by the politically powerful Vatican" and proposed that if its honesty was under question an organization of Roman Catholics send "seventy, or any num-

ber" of Protestant and Catholic investigators to Yugoslavia.

Asserting that Archbishop Cushing's address in Boston was ill-tempered, Dr. Shippler denied that his group had been "hand-picked" by the Yugoslav government to make the tour. He added that the group's statement in Belgrade was never fully published in (Continued on Page Two)

## Italians Also Need Gifts Of Clothing

### MWC Alumnae Pledge \$7500 For Library

Hattiesburg, Sept. 11 — A reorganized and enthusiastic alumnae association of Mississippi Woman's College has accepted the responsibility of raising \$75,000 by the end of the current session to be used to bring the library of the college up-to-date.

Following the reopening of the school approximately 200 former students reorganized the MWC Alumnae Association, electing Mrs. Eugene Phelps (formerly Minna V. Chapman) of Hattiesburg as president; Mrs. H. A. Pickett (Emily Ryan) of Wewanee, vice-president; Mrs. John D. Lloyd (Dorris Smith) of Hattiesburg, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. James Street (Rosalind Shepard) of Laurel, secretary-treasurer.

Several plans were discussed for (Continued on Page Two)

By MARJORIE E. MOORE  
ROME, Italy—(BF)—Fifty Southern Baptists on tour of evangelical mission centers in Italy have pledged themselves to continue personal efforts to relieve human misery caused by inflationary prices.

By gift parcels to Baptist families and contributions of clothing, bedding and shoes for shipment in bulk through Church Service Centers they hope to help worthy Italians whose income has not increased with the cost of food and other essentials.

"This is our only way to counteract the erroneous impression in Italy that all American aid has come from Catholics," said Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Due to the fact that postwar relief for Italy was limited by Presidential order to one channel (American Relief to Italy), and its honorary head was Myron C. Taylor, an unknown quantity of goods shipped in bulk from the United States was addressed: American Relief to Italy, Myron C. Taylor, Vatican City, Rome.

Evangelical Christians, including Roman Baptists, who received much goods through this channel knew that evangelicals had helped, but other Italians were left to believe that American Catholics were the donors of all relief gifts.

The welcome extended us in Rome and elsewhere by Italian Baptists was full of thanks for blessings received from fellow Baptists in the States. In Italy, as at Copenhagen, we were assured that the food and clothing, though acceptable for their own value, were most appreciated because the gesture of American Baptists boosted moral for faithful Christian living.

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## Protestants See Extension Of Taylor Mission

NEW YORK —(RNS)— Official protestant circles here expressed the view that the exchange of messages on world peace between President Truman and Pope Pius constitutes an extension of the Myron Taylor mission to the Vatican.

Protestant officials here recalled that Mr. Truman had promised to terminate the Taylor Mission following the signing of the peace treaties. They commented that Taylor's role in the correspondence exchange indicates a strengthening rather than a weakening of the position of the presidential representative to the Holy See.

Protestant leaders said they had no (Continued on Page Two)

## Leaders Give For Relief Of Humanity



Picture by Marjorie E. Moore

Baptists attending the World Alliance in Copenhagen filled a table top three feet wide and twenty feet long with clothing sacrificed from their suitcases following an appeal by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, Tennessee, chairman of the World Alliance Relief Committee. Those attending the Alliance report that conditions in Europe, especially Germany, are ter-

rrible beyond the comprehension of those who have not seen for themselves. Baptists in Mississippi are urged to "have compassion" and send all the clothing, bedding and shoes they can spare to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved Church World Service Warehouse at 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, La. Money should be contributed through the churches and designated for relief.

## "Inside Italy"

By A. L. GOODRICH

From Switzerland, the entrance to Italy is a dark one—through the Simplon railway tunnel, the world's longest, 13 miles. But before and after the tunnel the gorgeous mountain scenery is worth the 15 minute required by the electric-powered trains to pass through the tunnel. A short bus ride brings you to Milan, a city of over 900,000 population.

MILAN

The center of Milan is a large square, called Piazza del Duomo. At one end of this square is the cathedral, built of brick cased in marble and now with the exception of St. Peter's in Rome and the cathedral of Seville in Spain, the largest cathedral in Europe. It covers an area of 14,000 square yards and can hold 40,000. The style is very elaborate Gothic. Begun in 1386 and finished 1813. It is one of the most elaborate buildings in the world. It is ornamented with a profusion of turrets, pinnacles and statues of which there are 4,400 of various (Continued on Page Two)



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that neat, comfortable churches can't be afforded is a subterfuge and evasion."

Speaking of the church's influence on youth, the farm publication editor charged that "church members who sit at home clutching their dollars and cherishing their memories are driving rural young people to the towns and to the devil. But active church leaders who recognize the needs of young people and supply the friendly fellowship and wholesome enjoyment that can be found in church activities are developing new leadership to help carry on the work of the church today and tomorrow."

Deering's final suggestion was for consolidation of churches. "Consolidated schools mean better educational opportunities for rural pupils. They ride farther, walk less, and learn more. Perhaps the trend should be toward some sort of church consolidation. One strong church is better than two or three weak ones."

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### PROTESTANTS SEE EXTENSION OF TAYLOR MISSION

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precious knowledge of the correspondence exchange and that the President had not taken and Protestant officials into his confidence.

One leading Protestant executive expressed regret that Mr. Truman had ignored Protestants and Jews, addressing his appeal to the head of one faith only. This executive said the president gives the impression in his correspondence that he regards the Pope as the head of world Christianity.

(In Washington, Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, issued the following statement:

"With the supreme need of world peace as the objective in view, certainly protestants as well as Roman Catholics everywhere can rejoice that President Truman and Pope Pius XII can enter into open, free conferences either by mail or by representatives.

"Protestants cannot help but wonder, however, just why it is necessary for the president to correspond so conspicuously with one singled-out leader of one great faith through a special, government-delegated official sent so far at public expense.

"Surely religious leaders the world around stand ready to lend all possible cooperation for world peace."

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### Jeff Davis W.M.U. Meets

PRENTISS, Miss., Sept. 13—The Jeff Davis County Woman's Missionary Union has elected for the following: officers Superintendent, Mrs. John S. Williams; associate superintendent, Mrs. Joe Hudson; secretary, Mrs. R. E. McDonald; Community Missions, Mrs. Burt Magee; Stewardship, Mrs. W. H. Wood; Publication, Mrs. Fleet Parkman; Mission Study, Mrs. Wiley Coulter.

—BR—

Newton: We had a good meeting Aug 31st-September 5 with Jas. W. Parish preaching and H. L. Courting leading the singing. Large attendance and fine spirit from Aug. 31-Sept. 7 we had 92 additions to the church.—R. A. Monis, Pastor

### SHIPLER REFUTES CUSHING DEFENSE OF STEPINAC

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this country, and that a complete, formal report is yet to be made.

"In reply to the archbishop's further statement, 'I denounce these men and their campaign and their misrepresentation and malice.' Dr. Shipler continued, 'I ask the Boston representative of the hierarchy, 'what misrepresentation and what malice?'

"Is it misrepresentation and malice honestly to report the facts? I am fully aware that the facts in the case of Archbishop Stepinac, the quisling collaborator with Hitler, for example, are the last things the Roman hierarchy wants reported in this country or elsewhere.

"If the Roman Catholic Church in America wishes to be free from criticism, let it become, as Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Methodist Church has so often said, only a church and not a political state. Every decent Protestant respects the constitutional religious rights of Roman Catholics, but increasing numbers are determined to fight the type of political clericalism which has been so disastrous to other countries."

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### MWC ALUMNAE PLEDGE \$7500 FOR LIBRARY

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raising the \$7500 pledged by the alumnae, but the plan which seemed to meet popular approval is for each former student to give the price of a book for each year they attended school at MWC.

More than 500 were present for the formal reopening exercises at which Dr. I. E. Rouse, president of the school presided. Included in the group who were here and who took part on the program or were recognized were: Dr. D. A. McCall, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Auber J. Wilds, president of the convention; G. M. McWilliams, president of the MWC board of trustees; Mrs. J. L. Johnson, wife of the late Dr. J. L. Johnson, founder of the school and herself, a member of the board, Mrs. Fae Waller Batson, for many years dean of women of the school; W. S. F. Tatum, long a staunch friend of the school; Dr. R. C. Cook, president of Mississippi Southern College, Dr. W. E. Green, president of Clark Memorial College, Dr. L. G. Gates, pastoremeritus First Baptist Church, Laurel, Mrs. E. S. Pool, former faculty member, Mayor George M. Calhoun of Hattiesburg, and many others.

Faculty members for the current session were introduced, and all guests attended a luncheon in the college dining hall following the morning program. Guests also inspected all buildings and grounds of the school in the afternoon and expressed their pleasure at the appearance of the school, Baptist owner and operated.

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For all of the chairmen of the committees on evangelism for our associations meeting this fall, the following items of interest could be used in reports on evangelism: First, a south-wide unified program of evangelism was adopted by Southern Baptists in May at the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis. Second: every state in the Southern Baptist Convention territory is planning for a state-wide evangelistic conference during 1948.

### INSIDE ITALY

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styles and periods.

More interesting to me than the gorgeous Cathedral of Milan was the less imposing church of San Maria delle Grazie because it contains Leonardo da Vinci's celebrated fresco of the "Last Supper." The picture which is painted on a plaster wall, is rapidly fading, but is distinctive enough to catch the artistic spirit and the individuality of each apostle.

No scene in the life of Christ has been painted more often than that of the "Last Supper," but no other attempt can compare with this wonderful painting by Leonardo da Vinci.

It is the ideal representation of a dramatic moment, the delineation of the effect of a single word "betray" upon the twelve men most closely associated with Jesus during his life and ministry.

The scene is the night of the pass-over supper. In a small upper room in a house in Jerusalem, Jesus, surrounded by His disciples, is breaking the bread of their farewell meal.

Jesus has just said, "One of you will betray me." Love, terror, grief, and amazement find expression in the cry of the disciples, "Lord is it I?"

This picture was painted on the walls of a convent dining room. Seated at their meal the monks could look upon the table of Christ as if he were their guest.

Each disciple is expressing his feelings in his own way. At the Master's right, in broken-hearted silence, sits John the Beloved. Impulsive Peter leans forward touching John's shoulder, and seems to be urging him to ask the Master who the traitor is.

There can be no doubt as to the real betrayer. In contrast to John's gentle features is the dark, cunning face of Judas, who clutches the money-bag and looks at Jesus in alarm as if fearful that he will indicate who His betrayer is.

Behind Peter is Andrew with up-raised hands, then James the younger and at the end Bartholomew, leaning forward in his eagerness to catch the words of the others.

To the left of Christ is Thomas with raised fingers, seeming to say, "Lord, is it I?" In front is James, the elder, expressing horror at such a thought. Philip bends over his companions with deep regret in his fine face, seeming to say, "Lord, thou seest my heart. Is it I?" Next to Philip in the last group are Matthew, Thaddeus and Simeon.

Touching is the face of the Savior, sad, submissive, forgiving, as though he hoped that Judas might even yet repent before it is too late.

This great picture is nearly lost to us. Being painted in oil it suffered serious injury from the dampness of the plastered walls. In the 17th century a door was cut into it. During Napoleon's invasion this hall was used as a military camp and it is said that the soldiers amused themselves by throwing bricks at the figures.

Fortunately, pupils of da Vinci made many copies of this masterpiece in the earliest years of its history and many attractive prints are available.

### FLORENCE

Florence, the city of flowers, is all its name implies. One writer calls it Florence, the beautiful. He is correct.

Most streets are narrow and even they are deserted from noon until

### NOEL BARLOW LICENSED



Noel Barlow, native of Simpson County and a 1935 graduate of Mississippi College, was recently licensed by Davis Memorial Church in Jackson.

Mr. Barlow taught school for 7 years and has been in business for 5 years. He has also served as Superintendent of the Sunday School at Davis Memorial, where he has done a good job.

He plans to go to the Seminary next year and is now available for supply work or for a pastorate.

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### Inverness Welcomes Boyd

Rev. Jessie L. Boyd Jr., has moved to Inverness where he has accepted the Pastorate of the Baptist Church there. Bro. Boyd came from Shuqualak and succeeds Rev. L. J. Crumby.

During the time of its vacancy the Pastors Home in Inverness was moved to another lot which the Church owns and the building completed renovated and re-decorated. This move was made to give way for the proposed new church building that will be built on the lots previously occupied by the Pastorium and on which the present church building is located.

Bro. Boyd and his family have been formally welcomed by all the churches, civic organizations and citizens of the town, and it is hoped that great good will come from the work that is to follow.

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Miss Marie Pierce reports a good day Sunday, September 7, at Mt. Gilead Church, Lauderdale County. She states that each class presented a program and in the absence of the pastor, Miss Earline Green filled the pulpit.

mid-afternoon for that is siesta time. Stores and shops close and the people rest and sleep.

Here Savonarol was hanged in Piazza della Signoria, then burned and his ashes thrown in the river.

Here in the Academy of fine arts is Michael Angelo's great statue of David which was cut from an 18 ft. block of marble which had been discarded as useless 50 years before.

Pitti palace is packed with great masterpieces of art and for a tip of 1000 Lira a guide turned on the lights in the great ballroom.

Here is the great Cathedral of the Flowers, as pretty as any I saw in Europe.

Across the street is the Baptistery. True to its name it is used for baptismal services and believe it or not I was shown the remains of the ancient baptistry which was used for immersion.

Few cities are as rich as Florence in collections of works of artistic and historic interest.



## Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12.

### I

The Executive Committee in a meeting September 11 authorized a contract with the Relief and Annuity Board making effective the Widows Supplemental Plan for Mississippi Baptist pastors and board employees. The plan is explained elsewhere in this issue. The plan has been splendidly presented at eight district meetings. We have 90 applications in hand, other applications are already coming in, and many application blanks have been asked for by pastors.

The pastor pays 1 1-2% on the same salary basis as he uses in the Ministers Retirement Plan. The denomination, through State Missions, pays 1 1-2%. For this the pastor's widow is paid an annuity upon his death between his entry into the plan and his retirement. This annuity is paid as long as she lives and remains his widow.

The plan is to become effective in Mississippi as of July 1, 1947. Dues are to be paid from that date. Do not face a reduced annuity by entering the plan late. Write the Convention Board office for application blanks now unless you already have them.

Pastors and other church employees may enter the plan for this first year through December this year. After that date they must wait until July 1 following and thus take a slightly reduced coverage if they are in active service now.

We are indebted to South Carolina Baptists for letting us have Mr. A. L. Gross, director of the Retirement Plan in that state. He is a fine Christian layman and is second to none we have heard in setting forth the features of the various plans. Thank you Secretary Brooke, and all South Carolina Baptists for sending him to us these days.

### II

We have doubled up so frequently it is neither novelty nor news. However, while preaching in a few services for Brother Gatewood and the other saints at Itta Bena, we made four Ministers Retirement meetings with Brother Gross in the afternoon. Brother Gatewood is one of our most capable and spiritual younger pastors. Itta Bena is one of our fine churches of medium size. There were four additions by letter and three for baptism.

Brother Gross has been making splendid presentations of the various retirement plans. He flew with us to Batesville, Calhoun City, and Tupelo. Incidentally, these Mississippi Baptist pastors for the most part are air-minded. We took up some of our pastors, having taken up about fifty all together.

On Sunday we were at two other fine churches—Quitman and Shubuta—Pastor Meadows has been at Quitman nearly fourteen years and leads in a great way thoroughly entrenched in the hearts of the people. Brother Harold Anderson, another one of our splendid younger pastors, is at Shubuta. There were three professions of faith in this service. Doxology!

### III

Woman's College is living, breathing, pulsating, and teeming with life! Dr. Rouse and his helpers have redecorated the buildings and put the grounds in shape—what a transformation! An excellent faculty has been selected! Dozens and scores of students have enrolled and they are still coming! We have not seen finer spirit than that manifest the opening day.

Some years ago because of conditions not to our liking, and not of our making, we had to render two or three adverse financial decisions regarding the college down there. A few honest people got the idea we did not favor the college down there. That was not true! We have been going the second mile with them to show them our kindly feeling in the matter. This office will always be fair to every interest—at the same time we will not forget we represent the whole of Mississippi Baptist life. We must be true to all Mississippi Baptists.

We do not know of a school that has turned out finer Christian girls—wives, mothers, wives to preachers, missionaries, teachers, et cetera!

Mississippi Woman's College must go now—if ever! It must succeed! It will succeed! It must have the prayers, faith, and sympathies of the people! It must continue to have students! It must have money! It must have additional equipment! Additional buildings must be provided!

Mississippi Woman's College has never been dead. She has been living in the homes and walking the highways of the earth!

Mississippi Woman's College goes marching on!

### IV

This year of 1947, for our first time in this work, brought us along without a major special financial campaign. We promised the Lord at the start of this year we were really going to preach the Gospel for Him. So it has been the greatest year of our ministry in preaching His gospel. We have gone to remote churches, town churches, and city churches. God has given the increase. We have preached it in seven states without any neglect to our own work. "Woe, is me if I preach not the Gospel." "Go preach."

In fact, the pastors and churches have had us almost yelling "calf rope" because of the press and volume of invitations. Today a pastor phoned about a revival in May, 1948, another today wanted us for prayer meeting, a staff member today asked for a date soon, and an association request came in today. That is typical.

We preach for about 50 new pastors a year and repeat services with 150-200 pastors each year. That shows their faith in this office. That is one reason we go day and night to help them. We have fought many battles for them. We are ready to fight some more.

However, next year we plan to try and be helpful another way. We are going to hold few revivals, preach primarily only on Sundays and at prayer meetings. We want more time in the office and on the field for just visiting

with the pastors and all the people. We want to visit, just leisurely, the pastors' conferences. We might even hunt and fish more with the brethren.

God loves His minister! Christ loves His church! The spirit leads in His work!

### V

Probably seven times out of ten we do not arrange the order of these paragraphs. A trusted and efficient office secretary does that. She knows our faults and whatever strength we may have and still "pulls" for us in the work of Christ. We do appreciate that! Other helpers do the same thing. As you write in or verbally express appreciation for our humble efforts we would like for you to remember our fine helpers.

We never give the South American testimony—and we give it often—but that several persons come up saying, "we followed you with interest in the Baptist Record." In those articles we used atlas, encyclopedias, and history in first giving a geographical, historical, and political background of the countries visited. We built on this the personal experiences within these countries. God has been pleased to honor its use, and the hearers and readers have been gracious.

### VI

Question (1): "Are people lost who have never heard the Gospel?" a young lady asks.

Answer: Yes! Romans 1. Ezekiel 3 and 33. Jesus saves! Ignorance does not save. Jesus saves! My failure or your failure to give the gospel does not save. Romans 10. Jesus Saves. John 3:14-18. Acts 4:12. We need to speed up the Gospel wagons! Isaiah 6!

Question (2): "What is the unpardonable sin?"

Answer: Mark 3. Matthew 12. The sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is attributing to Satan the work of the Holy Spirit! It is grounded in unbelief and is an attitude rather than an overt act. Lost people may commit it! Saved people do not commit it. Probably hypocritical leaders are most in danger of committing it. Folks who commit it never shed any tears over their condition, never walk the aisles of any church in concern for their soul. They are cynical, critical, domineering, bitter, and selfish!

### VII

Pastor Orman Knight writes about prospective plans for a great fall Evangelistic county-wide campaign in Greene County. This is the sort of thing that has helped keep evangelistic fires burning. It would be well for all of our associations to make large plans in soul winning.

### VIII

In Luke 9:49-56 we find scriptural truth and emphasis from the lips of Jesus that is important for those of us who are preachers, in particular, as well as laymen. Preachers were the ones who introduced the matter in each of the two instances. First, John wanted to clamp down on some people who were casting out devils because they were not in his particular group. Jesus said, "For he that is not against us is for us." Jealousy between Baptist churches and jealousy between Baptist institutions would cease if we heard and followed Jesus. It is possible to be in the company of Jesus and yet not be a real follower of Jesus—witness Judas.

Again some folks did not receive Jesus, and James and John wanted to call down fire from Heaven and destroy them. Jesus replied in rebuke, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Catholics, Mohammedans and others have at times engaged in bitter persecution of others. But the way of Jesus is not the way of force but rather of love. It is easy for a Baptist preacher to want to destroy those who disagree with him. That is not the way of the Saviour but rather the way of Satan! It is easy for a deacon sometimes to want to destroy someone who disagrees with him. Again that is not the way of the Saviour but rather of Satan! There is a better way and that is the way of love! There is not a one of us but that needs to remember this emphasis!

### "More Power in Soul Winning" by Rev.

David M. Dawson is said to be a book destined to be popular among Christians who long to win souls. Pastors, parents, teachers, young people's workers, missionaries who want to be empowered soul winners, here is the how of evangelism. The book declares that a soul winner can be powerful only when he is dependent on God. Among the things discussed are: "Soul Winning in Bible School"; "Revivals"; and "Salvation for Our Loved Ones". The book is published by the Zondervan Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, at \$1.50 and may be ordered from the publisher or the Baptist Book Store.

Mississippi was eighth in contributions to southwide funds during the month of August. The Executive Committee reports receipts of \$26,541 from Mississippi. All was for Cooperative Program objects except \$2,628 which was designated.

Rev. Carl Bryan Case of Clinton has resigned the pastorate of Oak Grove Church, Yazoo County.

### The 75th annual session of Blue Mountain College opened September 11, with an address by Dr. Warren F. Jones, President of Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

Dr. Jones said that fundamentals and principles should guide our lives rather than patterns. "Fundamentals and principles," he said, "endure, patterns change." Dr. W. H. Anderson, Booneville, president of the board of trustees, brought greetings to the students. Students have enrolled from most of the counties of Mississippi and many other states.

Midway Church, Leake County, has adopted very complimentary resolutions concerning Rev. A. A. Ward who recently resigned at Midway to go to Centerville, where he has accepted the pastorate. The resolutions were signed by Mrs. Lester Gee, Mrs. A. D. Wilbanks, and Mrs. E. H. Nazary. The resolution called attention to the faithful work of Pastor and Mrs. Ward including the building up of all the organizations, a brick veneer church and a good financial program.



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### Will Baptists Match Their Opportunities?

THE TITHE WAS THE FIRST DIVINE STANDARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND REMAINS A GOAL YET TO BE REACHED BY THE AVERAGE CHRISTIAN

By Duke K. McCall

How long will the Atomic Age last? Dr. Karl Z. Morgan, nuclear physicist who worked on the atomic bomb project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is quoted as speculating: "The Stone Age lasted a hundred thousand years. The Iron Age spanned a thousand years. The Machine Age has been with us just one hundred years." Then he asked, "Will the Atomic Age last only ten years?"

One . . . two . . . three . . . the years are slipping past and with them the opportunity for Christians to spread the saving knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Time and the tides of evil wait for no man, but tithing Christians can seize time by the forelock and force the tides of evil to subside. Through the leaven of Christian character our civilization may yet avoid the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah.

A Christian, as a recipient of the unmerited favor of God, is under the compulsion of the time in which he lives. He must match the opportunity of his days with a standard of Christian stewardship acceptable unto God and adequate for the spread of the gospel. We know that the tithe—one-tenth of a man's income or increase—was the first divine standard for stewardship and remains a goal yet to be reached by the average Christian.

Someone has indicated the various levels of giving as: "The tip level, where you drop in a nickel or a dime as a gratuity to God for his services; the entertainment level, where you pay when you go to church as you pay when you go to the ball park but have no obligation if you do not attend; the emotional level, where you give only as, and if, you feel like it; the Bible level where tithes and

offerings are presented as a regular proportional recognition of God's ownership and our stewardship.

Thus far the cause of Christ has been advanced by our tips rather than by our tithes. Southern Baptists are now giving approximately 2 per cent instead of 10 per cent of their income to the Lord's work.

Actually multitudes of the six million Southern Baptists do give their tithes and offerings to the Lord's work. The need is not to ask these Christians to give more but to ask the others to come up at least to the standard of the Old Testament, a standard which met the favor of Jesus Christ. Concerning those who tithe but overlooked justice and the love of God, he said, "These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone" (Luke 11:42).

"Wanted: A Million Southern Baptist Tithers for Christ" has been the challenge throughout this year. The appeal now is supplemented and intensified by a three-month tithing test among Southern Baptists planned for October, November, and December.

Sunday, October 5, has been designated as Tither's Enlistment Day. On that day every Southern Baptist must face the challenge of the Lord concerning tithing for at least a period of three months. God said, through Malachi, the prophet, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

This three-month tithing emphasis will do many things:

For one thing, Southern Baptists are now giving approximately 25 million dollars to all religious purposes each quarter of the year. An estimate based on government figures indicates that a tithe of Southern Baptist income for October, November, and December would be 125 million dollars. Thus, this three-month tithing program is potentially an effort to secure an additional 100 million dollars to be used in the local churches, for state causes, and for worldwide witnesses on the basis of the present Co-operative Program distribution.

The most important result of this three-month tither's enlistment appeal will be the development of the spiritual life of the individual Christian. Here is an appeal to each one to consecrate time, talent, and treasure to the Lord. The emphasis is not upon the extraction of dollars but upon the infusion of dedication. Only a

high spiritual experience and a sensitivity to the needs of a lost world will enlist tithers. But when Southern Baptists or Christians anywhere begin to tithe, revival fires will begin to burn.

#### Permanent Results

A permanent result of this effort to enlist all Baptists to tithe for at least three months will be the undergirding of the expansion of our witness in the years ahead. Having proved the Lord and found him faithful, we will also test the tithe as the expression of Christian stewardship and thus experience the spiritual blessings promised.

Is there a need for such a special tithing appeal as this? Local churches answer: "We have increased our building indebtedness 10 million dollars in the past two years and that is but the beginning as building restrictions are further relaxed." Southwide agencies answer: "We were surveyed by the Executive Committee which placed a total of our need for buildings, equipment, and endowment at 21 million dollars." State conventions answer by pointing to special campaigns for colleges totaling forty million dollars, for orphanages totaling two million dollars, for hospitals totaling eighteen million dollars. This three-month tithing emphasis proposes to answer all these cries for financial assistance at once.

Tithing would transform our Southern Baptist foreign mission effort. Instead of 560 missionaries, there would be support for 4,500 missionaries. This is based on the fact that a tithe of Southern Baptist income would channel 19 million dollars through the Co-operative Program to our Foreign Mission Board, with the Home Mission Board receiving 7 million dollars, and 2 million dollars going to each seminary every year. At the same time, the work of our local churches could be multiplied by two, and the work of our state mission boards by three.

In these days our need of God and God's dependence upon us for his purposes are united. TIME magazine reported that a sense of the tremendous responsibility thrust upon them forced the Civilian Atomic Energy Commission into a deep hush at its first meeting. The new chairman of the Commission, David Lilienthal, broke the silence by saying, "I have taken the oath of office many times in my life but never have the last four words of that oath meant so much to me. I think you would like for me to open this session by repeating them — 'So help me God.'"

Christians and non-Christians are united in such a plea for God's

presence in the plans now being made for the peace of the world. God pleads for our participation in his redemptive plan, saying, "Ye are my witnesses." God needs our faithful stewardship for the ushering in of the kingdom of the Prince of Peace. We need God or all our councils and plans and programs and devices of economics and statesmanship are doomed to failure.

Measuring our share of the load by the tithe, let us become in truth "laborers together with God" that all men may say at last, "Thy kingdom come. They will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." For every Southern Baptist that means a pledge to tithe for at least three months or tithe for life. "Prove me now. . . saith the Lord."

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### Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### Our Preachers

By J. E. Dillard

I know Baptist preachers. My father was one; my son is another. I began preaching as a boy when I became pastor of a Baptist church fifty years ago. I have before me a list of forty Baptist preachers who were members of churches I served. I have helped ordain many Baptist preachers. I have been in a thousand Baptist pulpits in the last eleven years and in half a thousand Baptist preachers' homes. I know Baptist preachers.

I believe in Baptist preachers. They are among the very best people in the world. When one enters the Baptist ministry he knows he is going to have a hard time; he knows there is no bishop or other potentate to guarantee him a job; it is a case of "root hog or die." The presumption is in his favor. In all probability he is a thoroughly honest, sincere, hard-working man. I can count on my fingers all the totally bad, undeserving Baptist preachers I have known in half a century.

I believe in Baptist preachers. Not all of them are great but the most of them are good. Not all are learned but the most of them know Christ and their English Bible. Not all of them are cooperative but the more they know about their brethren and their denomination the more they co-operate. I believe in Baptist preachers.

I depend on our Baptist preachers. You can't reach the smallest church we have over the head of its pastor. That is the way it is, and that is the way it ought to be. The pastor is the divinely ordained leader of his church. If he doesn't lead them, they will not be led; and if he doesn't feed them they will not be fed. That's enough said.

And so I think of, pray for, and write to our pastors. I try to put myself in their place and give such help as I think I would want under their circumstances.

This is why I wrote the little books on stewardship and got up the tithing posters and tracts and wrote so much  
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## GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### ARLINGTON IS IN

Rev. A. B. Weathersby knows the value of the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record, having had experience with it in other churches. He recently led Arlington Church in Lincoln County to make the Baptist Record a part of its program.

The list of 21 names was sent by Julius Woodall, church treasurer.

Record readers in Lincoln County are now listed as follows: ARLINGTON 21, BETHEL 23, Big Springs 14, BOGUE CHITTO 44, BROOKHAVEN, FIRST 566, Calvary 5, CLEAR BRANCH 20, FAIR RIVER 47, Fairview 1, FRIENDSHIP 51, GUM GROVE 41, Harmony 15, HEUCKS RETREAT 48, HOLLY SPRINGS 29, Little Bahala 7, Macedonia 3, MISSION HILL 26, MONTGOMERY 44, MOAK'S CREEK 77, MT. MORIAH 49, MT. PLEASANT 55, Mt. Zion 7, NEW PROSPECT 44, NEW SIGHT 47, PEARL HAVEN 49, Philadelphia 19, PLEASANT GROVE 62, PLEASANT HILL 46, Providence 1, RUTH 35, Shady Grove 1, UNION 29, Union Hall 11, WELLMAN 68.

### ALCORN ASSOCIATION

Alcorn Baptists had planned and followed a well prepared program for their annual meeting at Lovejoy Church, Rev. O. L. Butler, pastor, but the dinner was just as good as the program. Officers elected were: Moderator, Rev. H. B. Speights; Assistant Moderator, Rev. N. D. Story; Clerk, Levi Ayres; and Treasurer, J. A. Spear.

The state work was given 45 minutes and we had time to discuss all phases of our work, with the major emphasis on the cooperative program and the tithing campaign.

Several pastors stated that they hoped soon to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

Many people expressed appreciation for the associational sermon preached by Rev. S. C. Wilbank.

Baptist Record readers in Alcorn County are now listed as follows: Corinth, First, 51; CORINTH, TATE STREET 91, Cross Road 1, Glendale 1, HINKLE CREEK 29, Holly 1, Kemps Chapel, 10, KOSSUTH, 34, Liberty Hill 1, Lovejoy 3, Mt. Hebron 1, RIENZI 34, Tishomingo Chapel 5, WEST CORINTH 89, TUSCUMBIA 31.

### OAK GROVE, JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY

During our recent visit to Prentiss we preached in the afternoon at Oak Grove, which is served by Dr. W. L. Sewell in connection with his pastorate at Prentiss.

They continue to make progress. The Sunday School is increasing, additional Sunday School rooms are being built, and an attic fan adds much to the comfort of the congregation.

Baptist Record readers in Jefferson Davis County are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH, 37, BASSFIELD 52, BETHANY 34, CARSON 50, EBENEZER 35, HATHORN 43, HEPZIBAH 47, OAK GROVE 24, Old Hebron 1, PHALTI 52, PRENTISS, FIRST 186, SOCIETY HILL 52, VICTORY 21, WHITE-SAND 57.

Rev. G. L. Taylor, pastor for nearly two years of Agricola Church, has resigned his pastorate there. During his ministry the church has gone from half-time to full-time, the Sunday School has enlarged, the Training Union has also enlarged, a Brotherhood has been organized, and the WMU has been increased.

Dr. E. R. Pinson, professor of Bible at Clarke College, was the visiting preacher at the revival at Concord Church, Choctaw County, August 10-15. There were 14 additions, 12 by baptism. The music was under the direction of the pastor, Rev. H. W. Freeman.

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### SELECTED EDITORIAL

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for our papers and magazines and have gone from place to place. It is to help them. I wish I could do it better.

Now let's all of us Baptist preachers do our prayerful best to enlist a million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ and to get all our people to bring their whole tithe to the Lord's house for at least three months.

October 5 is Tithers' Enlistment Day

## GUEST PREACHER AND PASTOR LEAD REVIVAL



REV. FORD PARKER

The Seminary Baptist church recently enjoyed what many old residents declare was the best revival in 40 years, in which there were 39 on profession of faith and a number who



O. D. CARGILE

came by letter. In addition to the guest preacher, Rev. Ford Parker, and Pastor O. D. Cargile who led the singing, Rev. Artis Brewer was personal worker during the revival.

*Your foreign missionaries*  
on a basic salary of \$1,000 a year  
*can "afford" to tithe*

E. P. Burton, Treasurer  
Foreign Mission Board  
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Burton:

Enclosed please find my personal check for \$59.00 to be applied to current world need. Here in South America we have little opportunity to share in the contributions of home churches to European and Asiatic relief, and I want to be sure that this tithe of a small inheritance from my mother is delivered to starving people.

Yours gratefully,  
M. J. Manning

Food	
Fuel	
Tithe	
Dry-cleaning	\$17.09
Total spent in June	\$160.98
Salary received for June	96.80
Deficit for June	

We live from month to month on just barely enough to get by. Don't think I am complaining. I just want you to know what the situation in China is today. This account represents just my personal living expenses for this month. You will have to admit it's not the Orient you know!

(over)

### PASTOR'S STUDY MEMO

Dear Friend:

Confidentially I want to ask you about a check which was placed in the offering Sunday. It was the check of your Board, endorsed by the missionaries who received it. I have heard it represents their losses due to war in Europe. They have designated it for rehabilitation overseas.

Can you assure us that their contribution of this gift will not work a hardship on this couple? Our church will make it

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## — Woman's Missionary Union —

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

We have followed with interest Miss Edwina Robinson's travels to the Baptist World Alliance and points of interest in Europe. Realizing that all of you Christian friends would also treasure information about the trip, we are printing excerpts from her last two letters.

Aug. 26, Rome, Italy

Dearest Folk:

Well—I never dreamed I would be here but one can never tell! Sunday was one of the greatest experiences of my life—we worshipped with the Baptist Church in Florence. In Copenhagen I had met the President of the W.M.S. at Florence—a lovely person. She certainly was gracious to the group and she is also the organist. Because of her music and place of service, she and I had a great deal in common. I invited her to lunch on Sunday and how we all enjoyed her. The pastor there is an excellent man, having served 32 years. The whole membership was so gracious and warm in their greeting. Some could speak English but not many. The pastor of the First Baptist Church in San Francisco is a member of the group—his mother is Italian and he speaks fair Italian—this helps us lots.

We are staying at a lovely hotel—if we just had rooms with bath—it would be grand. We really are not supposed to have rooms with bath, but usually some few in the party have baths and we all use it—however, the rooms all have lavatories—so that makes it better. Don't think I have told you about the perfectly grand fruit we have had ever since getting to Italy! Noon and night the desert is fresh fruit—always a large peach and a large pear sometimes grapes or figs or plums—just grand! We have seen acre after acre of vineyards—of course most of the grapes go into wine. Everybody over here (with few exceptions) drink wine—always the wine glasses are on the table. I noticed tonight they didn't put them on any of our tables.

We got here Monday night about 7:30—it was a long drive from Florence over mountains—lots of them very bleak. Passed by two American Military Cemeteries. We ate supper quickly and got right off to one of the 3 churches. They have their prayer meeting on Monday night and all 3 churches were meeting together to greet all of us. It was a great experience! Dr. Dewey Moore and his wife were there.

I invited the Moores to have dinner with us last night, Dr. and Mrs. Duke McCall, Dr. Frank Means (recently gone with the Foreign Mission Board) and Irene Chambers. Then we had arranged for a special room here at the hotel for all 40 of us (both parties) and Dr. Moore answered questions and talked with us. It was 11:30 before we finally all left. It was a most helpful and illuminating evening. Dr. Moore is going sight-seeing with us tomorrow, particularly visiting our Baptist work.

The Queen Elizabeth got into New York on time and sailed on time her last sailing. All of us feel that when we leave here we are really heading toward home. You hear folk saying, "We sail two weeks from tomorrow". We are having a grand time, but would all love to see our loved ones. August 31, Sunday A.M. Rapallo, Italy

Just two more Sundays before I hope to be with you—one in Paris and one on shipboard! It will be good seeing all of you! Each day is so full and interesting and is meaning much, but even so—it will be grand to get home.

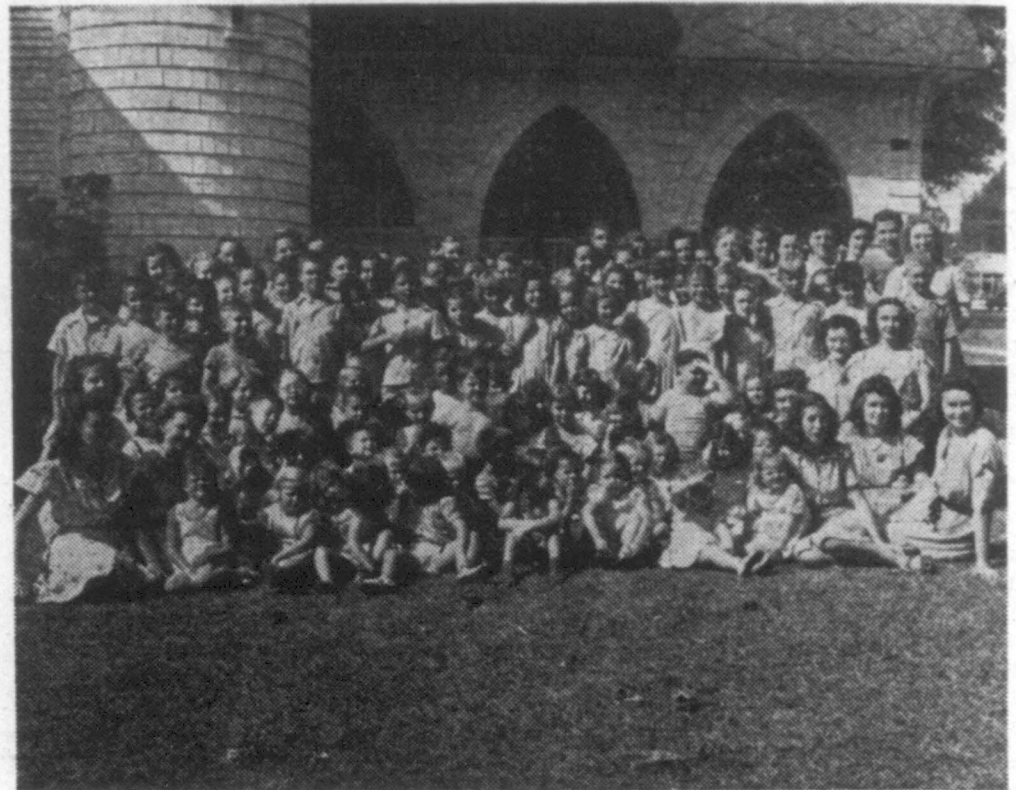
Imagine it—from my hotel window, I am looking at the Mediterranean Sea! The tide is coming in and the waves fairly high. We left Rome yesterday A.M. by bus (the same one we have had all over Italy) at 7:30 and drove in here around one a.m.—mighty tired!! It was a long, hard drive—came through a rain storm, lightening, thunder, etc. (however, we were just behind the worst of it—it had just poured over sections through which we came—then last night the last 40 miles (mountainous) took three hours! But, we slept late this morning and feel quite refreshed. It is nearly 12 o'clock now—lunch at one p.m. Have just finished reading Galatians, Colossians, Phileman, and II Timothy—had read Ephesians and Philippians in Rome. Certainly does make the books written from Rome take on enlarged meaning—you can really understand Paul's need for a cloak and his books—the prison seems to be intact, however, the Catholics have woven their own legends around it.

We came by Pisa yesterday—ate the evening meal at a restaurant near the leaning tower! Rome was a great experience. The three churches, the Orphanage, headquarters, etc. This was a great climax to the things we did in Rome—went to Opera—"Carmen" in an amphitheater amid the ancient ruins. There were 10,000 people present a cast of 200—beautiful staging, costumes, lighting effects, and grand orchestra. We were right in the center section on the 17th row! Dr. Duke McCall had some grand field glasses his brother had given him in Berlin, and they added to our seeing. It was a beautiful moonlight night. I wore my suit but my winter coat would have been a little better. Mrs. Moore said there had been a terrific heat wave a few days before we came, the rains broke that and it has been delightful.

We have all been amazed and greatly surprised at the grand food we have had all over Italy. We realize of course that is quite different to the way others live. For instance, the bread they serve is "black market" (only they call it open market). It is displayed everywhere and prices marked but it costs 10 times what the regular bread costs and people can't afford it. You can get most anything if you have the money.

We had a W.M.U. meeting in Rome—the women from the 3 churches, with our group. Of course Miriam Rosa was among those present—she told of the work all over Italy and Mrs. Moore interpreted for her. They (the choir) sang their W.M.U. Hymn—it is beautiful—the president of the hostess church had written the words and the young man (the organist) had written the music. Miriam gave me a beautifully decorated (hand painted design) original copy of it. The young man and I got to be quite good friends (when he found out I liked music). He had done quite a bit of composing—the choir in another church had

## Magnolia VBS Best Ever Had



Truett-McConnell Junior College, Cleveland, recently established by the Georgia Baptist Convention, in the mountain region where George W. Truett and F. C. McConnell were born and grew to manhood has become the recipient of a part of the libraries left by these men. Several large contributions of books have also been made by others. The new college opens for the first session on September 15.

sung one of his anthems the first night we were in Rome—a woman sang one of his solos at the W.M.U. meeting.

We are really hitting it hard—for breakfast they served hard bread, poor jam, coffee, no cream and butter costs 20c extra per serving. The meal last night was all right. We are right on the ocean and it is really beautiful.

Lovingly,  
EDWINA"

(You will be interested to know that Miriam Rosa whom Miss Robinson speaks of is the W.M.U. Secretary of Italy with headquarters in Rome. Miss Robinson selected her name to send boxes to when we could send four pounds more than two years ago and they have been corresponding since that time).

Under the leadership of the pastor, Dr. B. Frank Smith, the best Vacation Bible School ever held in the church was concluded on August 1. Miss Willie Mae Curter was principal and W. C. Weeks, Jr., was secretary. Department heads who assisted in a fine way were: Mrs. Thomas Curter, Mrs. Ted Lea, Mrs. Lola Hayman and Mrs. Maurice Lane. There were 13 other helpers who had a part in making this school Grade AA with an enrollment of 128 and average attendance of 118.

—BR—  
"I Don't Argue With God"

An 80-year-old deacon, encouraging his young pastor to present the tithing campaign this fall, concluded:

"I've been tithing every dollar God entrusted to me for 67 years. God says it is right. My heart tells me it is right. I don't argue with God. Business men, farmers, young people, housewives—everybody can tithe. Everyone should tithe. My prayer is that everyone will tithe."

—BR—  
A recent revival was held at Oak Grove Baptist Church Yazoo County with the Rev. Wilbur Hemby preaching and the pastor, Carl B. Case of Clinton, leading the singing. There were 18 additions to the church on profession of faith.



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## Sunday School Department

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The following units became standard during August:

Pachuta school, Rev. R. R. Darby, pastor, H. T. Hardee, superintendent; Hepzibah school, Rev. G. T. Dukes, pastor, J. B. Speights, superintendent; Intermediate department, Hattiesburg Fifth Avenue, Mrs. W. A. Moody, superintendent; Servants of Christ, Intermediate class, Hattiesburg Fifth Avenue, Mrs. R. T. Alliston, teacher; Nursery, Crystal Springs, Mrs. Myron Thompson, superintendent; Junior department, Carthage, Miss Birdie M. Mulholland, superintendent; Six Pointers, Junior Class, Carthage, Mrs. Kirby Nazary, teacher.

We are grateful for these standard units and thank the leaders for their good work.

### THIS IS THE LAST MONTH

Since September is the closing month for this Sunday school year, all applications for standard recognition for this year must get to us before the close of the month. We hope many will do this.

### STATE PLANNING MEETING

Our Sunday school State Planning Meeting for this year will be on Friday, October 17, in the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

All associational leaders in Sunday school work please make note of this and plan to attend. Sunday School Board leaders will be with us.

### FIVE VACATION SCHOOLS

In addition to their own school, the First Church of Tupelo also promoted Vacation Bible schools in four other places, with a total enrollment of 568.

Teams of young people helped and were a great blessing and also were blessed themselves by this work. This is a fine opportunity for helping in a great work.

### John L. Cook Jr., Ordained

On Sunday morning, August 3, the Forty-First Avenue Baptist Church of Meridian, licensed one of its finest young men, John L. Cook, Jr., to the gospel ministry.

Brother John Cook, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cook, Sr. of Meridian and who was reared in Meridian, is a student at Mississippi College, Clinton, and will continue his studies there as he prepares for his life's work. John was converted in early life and became a member of the Highland Baptist Church of Meridian where he worked in the Sunday School until he went into the service.

He is an ex-service man as he spent four years in the armed forces, part of which time he was overseas. Since his discharge from the army, Brother Cook has been a member of the Forty-First Avenue Church where he has been a most faithful worker and has taken part in all church activities, including teaching Sunday School class, leading a Training Union group, and working with the R. A.'s.

He has proven himself to be a consecrated young man and one eager to be of use in the Master's vineyard. The sincere prayers of this church will go with him as he continues his preparation for greater service in the full gospel ministry.

### DON'T START NEW ROLL

It is the habit of some Sunday schools to start a new roll at the beginning of each year. Please do not do that.

The fact that we are in a new year does not mean that the people are new in Sunday school. Keep the same roll, with whatever changes should be made as to new pupils, promotions, etc.

So, do not start a new roll each year.

### MORE VBS REPORTS

These Vacation Bible school reports have been received since our last list was given:

Poplarville First, Spanish Fort, Feriday, Tuscola, Pleasant Hill in Leake, Fellowship in Zion, Toxish and Gershon, Belden, Macedonia in Pontotoc, Yellow Creek in Winston, Crystal Ridge, Shiloh in Winston, Kirville, Liberty Grove in Itawamba, Laurel Hill, Hermanville, Alexander Memorial, Meridian 15th Avenue, Pine Grove in Tippah, Utica, Calhoun City, Saboula, Brewer in Perry, Triumph Negro in Pearl River, Little Providence Negro in Pearl River, Hattiesburg Fifth Ave.

Sherman, Mt. Moriah in Calhoun, Parker, Antioch in Winston, Beulah in Union county, Bethel Negro in Clarke, Tomnolen, Camp Ground, Berea in Itawamba, Macedonia in Lauderdale, Mize, Calvary Vicksburg, Jackson Davis Memorial, Phalti, Harmony in Clarke, Oak Grove in Clarke, Soso, Holly Springs, Newton, Water Valley, Center Ridge, Tucker's Crossing, Pearl City, Byram, Jackson East Side, Durant, Tillatoba, East Tupelo, Toccopola, Mt. Vernon in Newton.

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### Protest Prayers At Legion Meetings

By Religious News Service

RIB LAKE, Wis. — About 25 members of the local American Legion Post intend to resign unless a prayer used to open the group's meetings is eliminated, according to the Rev. R. A. Gurgel, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Prayers at the Legion meetings, Mr. Gurgel said, "conflict with the synod confessional principle of not joining in prayer with members of other faiths."

Meanwhile, at Milwaukee, State Adjutant Jack Spore said as far as the Wisconsin department of the American Legion was concerned "the prayer will stay in, of course it is not offensive to any faith."

Spore said the prayer was written by the combined efforts of leading clergymen of many faiths and had been used by the Legion for nearly 25 years. It is delivered at the start of every meeting of a Legion post.

The Rev. John Brenner, of Milwaukee, head of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, with which the Rib Lake church is associated said the synod objected to prayers with other faiths "because there is a denial of our faith, and that is the highest thing we have."

### NEW DEAN



DR. HOWARD E. SPELL

Dr. Howard E. Spell, who for a number of years has been the popular and efficient Head of the Department of Bible and Religious Education at Mississippi College at Clinton, has been promoted and given additional duties as Dean of the College.

### A Reader Writes

Lowery Memorial Baptist Church has voted unanimously to build a new house of worship, and its leaders are now engaged with plans for obtaining the necessary funds for that purpose. The present church is inadequate to care for the local membership and the Blue Mountain College students.

Because of the small size of the community, the local membership is not able to finance a building that will meet needs. The last Federal census gave Blue Mountain a population of 557. Estimates place the present population at about 650.

There is no wealth among the membership. The 304 person that compose the local membership are made up almost entirely of school and college employees, farmers, small business people, housewives and children.

We feel certain that many individuals throughout Mississippi and the South will want to make donations to our church building. The church here is the church home of college girls from most of the counties in Mississippi, from 19 states and several foreign countries. We feel that some of the more prosperous churches inside and outside of Mississippi will want to make gifts.

The campaign for the new church building will be launched at the homecoming to be held in Blue Mountain, Sunday, October 12. Dr. D. A. McCall will be a principal speaker. Every former member of the church is invited to attend and bring a donation. Other friends and churches are invited to send gifts—before that date if possible. Checks should be mailed to Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, Blue Mountain, Mississippi.

Pray for us.

Yours in His name,

Clifford J. Smyly, Pastor

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BATON ROUGE, La. —(BR)— First Baptist Church here has enlisted more than 1,000 members to "test the tithe" the last six months of 1947. Rather than wait until October to start a three-month campaign, Pastor J. Norris Palmer led the church into launching the period July 1 to run for six months. A total of 1,003 pledges were made.

### THAT WAS LONG, LONG AGO!

Chester M. Savage, Liberty

(Editor's Note: From an interesting letter from Dr. Savage we give some excerpts dealing with early days.)

This week I read "Abstract History of the Mississippi Baptist Association for 100 Years, From 1806 to 1906," by T. C. Schilling. It is a book of 269 pages. I list some quotations from the book which make very interesting reading in our day:

1808—"The matter of abusive treatment of slaves received attention at this meeting."

1818—"Bayou Pierre Church sent this query: 'Should a brother be held in fellowship who prefers the rights and privileges of the Masonic Lodge to the communion of his church?' The Association answered 'No.'"

1820—"The Association recommended a pastors' meeting and that the ordinance of the Lord's Supper should be observed at these meetings."

1830—"About this time the doctrinal teaching of Alexander Campbell was exerting a mischievous influence, bringing strife and divisions."

1835 — "The committee on Missions made this report: Brother Charles Felder rode 30 days, preached 36 sermons and traveled 444 miles, for which he is allowed \$30. Brother Jesse Young rode 19 days, preached 20 sermons, and traveled 350 miles for which service he is allowed \$19."

1846—"This year, 1847, is the first time we have a list of ordained ministers of the association."

1852—"The new Baptist College at Clinton again received favorable mention."

1860—"Mars Hill Church sent the following query: 'Is it according to apostolic practice to read sermons instead of preaching them?' The Association answered in the negative."

1865—"The Association advised the churches to organize their colored members into separate bodies at as early a day as might be practicable. They were now no longer slaves."

1860—"Brother S. S. Relyea in 1860 urged a stated salary for pastors. He was informed that if he presented it again the pulpit would be closed to him."

1873—"The Executive Board reported that they had appropriated the sum of \$200 to the Natchez Church as a supplement to the pastor's salary. They expressed regret that the legitimacy of their action had been questioned."

1876—"The Tennessee Baptist" and "Southern Baptist" were recommended in the report on publications, and the regret was expressed that Mississippi had no State paper."

1899—"Two queries were submitted from Mt. Zion Church, viz.: 'Should a minister of the gospel be permitted to hold his credentials who owns stock or holds office in fair associations where gambling of any kind is tolerated, especially horse-racing? What should be done with a member of the church who visits fairs where gambling is tolerated?' Association answered in negative."

1890—"The Association put its stamp of disapproval on the proposition to keep open the Lord's day the doors of the great World's Fair at Chicago in 1891; such a course being 'unwise, unpatriotic, un-American and un-Christian.'"

1893—"Immediately after the associational sermon 40 persons came forward and said that they then had peace with God and full assurance for the first time."

1894—"The following resolution was adopted—That this Association will not hold fellowship with any church that will allow her members to engage in selling or giving away intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or who engage in social drinking."



## Faculty Listed At Miss. College 15 New Members

Fifteen new faculty members will join the teaching staff at Mississippi College at the beginning of the fall session.

Dr. Howard Spell has been elected Dean of the College. He will also continue as head of the department of Christianity.

The complete list of the Mississippi College faculty follows, with new members indicated by a star.

### MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE SESSION 1947-48

#### BIBLE AND PHILOSOPHY:

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C. L. Deever, Professor, B.A. Ouchita College, Ph.D. University of Chicago.

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## In Revival At New Sight

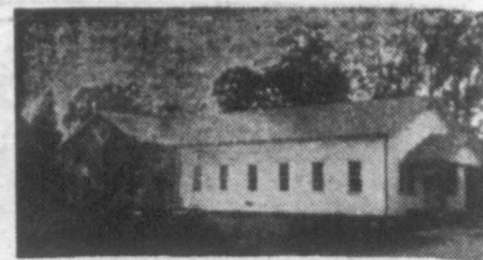


J. W. PARHAM

The revival at the New Sight Baptist church near Brookhaven was outstanding. There were 36 additions, of these 16 being for baptism. Rev. Bill Parham of Moss Point was guest preacher and his brother Jess, of Greenville, S.C. was singer. Great crowds attended and interest was fine. There have been over 60 additions to the church since Rev. E. C. Farr became pastor. Pastor Farr, in speaking of Singer Parham said he not only knew how to get the people to sing, but "he knew the Lord, also."

—BR—

Rev. Cary Sausing, pastor of churches in Clay County and a native of Clay County, has accepted the pastorate of Cherry Ridge Church in Bastrop, Louisiana, effective October 1.



## GOOD INVESTMENT

One of the best investments Baptists are making in Mississippi is in the State Mission work of Church Building aid. Grants are allocated through a committee of the State Board after proper application blanks are filled out in advance, showing the need for such help. The buildings erected will be blessing the communities where they stand long after many who gave through State Missions and the Cooperative Program have passed from the scene of action.

## Baptist Men To Meet Northside Church Is Host

The men of the Baptist churches of Hinds-Warren Association are to meet Thursday evening, September 18, 8:00 o'clock, at Northside Baptist Church in a great Brotherhood Rally for the purpose of emphasizing the part that laymen are to play in the tithing campaign. Southern Baptists have undertaken a great tithing campaign for October, November, and December of this year. This is one of about twenty associational rallies that are being conducted in September.

Henry Edmonds, State Brotherhood President, will preside at the meeting until associational officers can be elected. The Reverend S. W. Valentine will be in charge of the song service. W. R. Roberts, State Brotherhood Secretary, will present some promotional plans, after which Dr. Nolen M. Kennedy, pastor of the Baptist Church of Clinton, will bring the main message, entitled, "The Brotherhood's Part in the Tithing Campaign."

# Why Mississippi Baptists Should Tithe

1. Tithing is scriptural. In the Old Testament tithing is a law and in the New Testament Christ teaches Christians to tithe.

2. The individual who tithes grows spiritually. The church member most active in promoting the entire program of the church invariably is a tither.

3. If all Mississippi Baptists would tithe all phases of our denominational work would experience a most remarkable expansion.

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## Mississippi College Paragraphs

By D. M. Nelson, President

Another faithful friend and loyal supporter of Mississippi College went home the other day. Judge Vernon D. Rowe, as was his custom, went to sleep at noontime to wake up in the Glory Land. His was a busy and fruitful life. He made every moment count. He was a worthy successor on the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College to Dr. J. W. Lee of blessed memory. The short time he was permitted to serve in this capacity was characterized by unflagging interest and unfailing devotion and fidelity. He showed his interest in our college not only in words which are easily spoken, but in valuable time and material possessions. We feel keenly the loss of this friend and supporter.

The session 1947-48 has opened its doors. On the third day 995 have registered. By the time this paragraph reaches you there will be over 1000 young men and young women on the hill of Clinton preparing to catch the torch from falling hands and hold it high over a distraught and darkened world. They are the hope of Mississippi Baptists and Mississippi Baptists have the formula for the solution of the world's intricate problems.

The one thing that distresses us is our Classroom Building and our Auditorium stand incomplete. The only thing needful is money. The material is available—most of it is on the ground. The workmen are waiting for the signal. There will be marked deterioration if these buildings are not enclosed before winter rains set in. Our people have the money—more than ever before. It might prove to be the part of wisdom to invest some of it in this great enterprise to save it from the financial crash which seems inevitable.

A great Christian layman of another state gave a quarter of a million dollars to erect a building on another Christian college campus before the depression after the first world war. When the financial storm was over, leaving this layman's fortune in wreck and ruin, some one asked if he didn't wish he hadn't given away the quarter of a million dollars to the Christian college, and he replied, "No, that's all of my fortune that I saved." Then too, givers great and small should remember the truism, "All we can hold in our cold dead hands is what we have given away." Then, too, we should remember that other truism, "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over." You will never find a more worthy cause on which to test this principle out.

Every square foot of space from basement to attic is occupied and still there is an overflow. We desperately need more classroom space and assembly space. This will be amply provided when our present building program is completed. Then there should be started in time for next session's occupancy another dormitory for boys and some more apartments for married couples. The challenge here to Mississippi Baptists is not for TOMORROW, but for TODAY. It may be the part of wisdom in other

situations to wait for a more convenient and opportune time to build but it does not apply here. What is a few dollars saved compared with a large company of young people trained for Christian service? Be assured that what you contribute to the Enlargement Program of Mississippi College will not go into bank vaults already overflowing but in brick and mortar, stone and concrete to provide facilities for the greatest group of young men and young women that ever assembled on the campus of a Christian college.

Through the untiring efforts of Congressman W. M. Whittington the Bureau of Education Facilities has awarded at small cost a Student Center Building to Mississippi College. We go to Atlanta next Tuesday to

complete arrangements for same. It is hoped that it will be ready for occupancy by the first of the year. Mississippi College and our entire domination owe Congressman Whittington a great debt of gratitude for the fine service which he has rendered Mississippi College over a period of years.

Dr. Howard E. Spell has been chosen as the new Dean of the College. He is one of our very own and comes into this responsible position ripe in scholarship and experience and rich in the Christian graces essential to this high office in an institution such as Mississippi College. He will be found faithful in this added responsibility.

To teach and train this great host of young people we have the largest

staff ever assembled upon this Hill, and we believe it will prove to be the greatest. There are 72 of them. Of this number 48 are teachers, 17 of them have the doctors degree, 16 the Masters degree. There are 57 different colleges and universities represented on the staff. We welcome these new members of our force.

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Therese Legett Garner, Urbana, Ill., of the Blue Mountain College graduating class of 1891 has donated to the college 100 shares of stock in the Cerro De Pasco Copper Corporation, the income to be used permanently for a scholarship to be awarded annually to an outstanding student of the college. At present the income from this stock is about \$200 a year and the market value is approximately \$6000. It will be turned over to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation to be handled by that able group of business men.

## Are You Interested In Pioneer Mission Work

in the expanding outreach of the  
Southern Baptist Convention territory?

### Prescott, Arizona Makes Offer

There are five Western States with no Christian College operated by Baptists or Protestants. The West needs trained Christian leadership in Church, School, Business and Politics.

The City of Prescott, Arizona has offered Southern Baptists of the State a choice College site worth \$150,000, plus \$125,000 and maybe two or three memorial buildings. These buildings will cost from \$100,000 up.

### 56 Churches to Build College

There are only 56 Southern Baptist Churches in the Baptist General Convention of Arizona with a membership of about 9,000. They are raising \$50,000 to start a College, which is a gigantic task for these new churches.

Dr. D. A. McCall has suggested that we make known our needs to Southern Baptists through our aggressive State Baptist papers, and ask each reader to contribute \$1.00 or more to the cause of Christian Education in the pioneer mission fields of the West.

### IS IT ASKING TOO MUCH

for 500,000 of our 6,000,000 Southern Baptists to give us \$1.00 each to help us match the offer of the City of Prescott and to build a distinctively Christian Baptist College in the West?

Please send your gift through your church, or through your State Baptist Office, or direct to the

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REV. HAROLD JORDAN

Rev. Harold Jordan, Director of Youth for Christ in Jackson, will speak on "No Other Name" at the opening session Friday night of the State BSU Convention at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. The theme for the Convention will be, "Christ, the Great Difference."

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Mississippi BSUs are glad to know

### HOME MISSION NEWS

By John Caylor

Many denominational leaders returning from the congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen expressed themselves to the editor as to the need of home missions.

In countries where home mission work is not emphasized, the Baptists are losing members. Where home missions is promoted vigorously, local churches are growing and interest in foreign missions is increasing. The inevitable will happen when the home base is neglected. One of the best ways to guarantee the future of foreign missions is to promote a vigorous, live, local church program. Home Missions is the link between the work at the home base and on the foreign field.

As Dr. H. C. Goerner says, we must make America Christian if we are to win the world, and we must evangelize the world if we are to make and keep America Christian.

### Home Missions at Ridgecrest

The home mission program at Ridgecrest was of interest to a great number of people this year. Held in August, the meeting missed the attendance of a number of people who would have been vitally interested in the program because revival meetings kept them away.

In order to reach for evangelistic inspiration a larger number of Southern Baptists, home mission week has been moved up to June 1-8 in 1948. The program committee has met and outlined a program of emphasis upon rural missions and evangelism. It is hoped that the inspiration of that meeting may contribute largely to summer revivals in rural churches as well as to evangelism in all the field.

Some of the questions raised in

that our own Dr. Chester E. Swor is back home again at 235 Mt. Vernon, Jackson, recovering from his auto accident injuries. He will appreciate your prayers. . . Louie Farmer of Clarke College reports 12 who joined the Newton Church last month, and 12 who attended the local Pre-School retreat. Also, this month there are 100 ministerial students, 34 other religious volunteers, and 6 nurses, among others, enrolled. . . "The world doesn't have a mild case of dyspepsia; it's desperately ill," said Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins in a recent sermon. . . Chas. A. Wells said at the Ridgecrest Student Retreat, "Men do not do anything spiritually unless they have deep convictions. Convictions come from awareness. Awareness comes from information. The Press and the Radio are not informing the people. . . Why don't the Christian publications step in and tell the truth that the secular press and radio are not telling?" . . . The American Bible Society in 131 years has distributed over 365,000,000 volumes of Scripture. . . First local BSU paper for this year, received in this office came from Pearl River Jr. College, Poplarville. It's name, The Echo; its editor, Tommy Gresham. . .

other religious bodies will be answered affirmatively by Baptists in the home mission Ridgecrest program by speakers on mass evangelism, personal soul-winning, the evangelist's message, the new birth, and church-centered evangelism.

### Baptist Chaplains

The Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention reported to the September meeting of the Home Mission Board that it had endorsed nine men for chaplains in the Army Reserve, five for regular Army, one for Naval Reserve, four for regular Navy, one for Veterans' Administration, and one for National Guard. It is reported that chaplains are still needed in the various services.

### In The Western States

The co-operative missions department has been authorized to hold a special conference for workers in California, Arizona, and New Mexico next spring. The first attempt at a western conference was made in May of this year when workers met in Prescott, Arizona, for a home mission conference.

Two extra workers will be employed in California for the rest of 1947 in response to a special designation from Woman's Missionary Union for that purpose.

### New Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Arms were elected by the Home Mission Board to serve in Taylor and Roundrock, Texas, in the Mexican field.

Rev. Isaias Valdivia becomes pastor of the Mexican Baptist Church of Harlingen, Texas, and Mrs. Valdivia will do kindergarten work.

Miss Daffie Boone of Ashboro, North Carolina, has been appointed to serve in the Friendship House at New Orleans.

## R. E. Jones Ordained To Gospel Ministry



ROBERT E. JONES

Robert E. Jones was ordained at Hepzibah Baptist Church Wednesday evening August 20.

By motion of the church that he be ordained, Rev. D. W. Moulder led in the examination while the pastor, Rev. G. T. Dukes, asked some questions and led the prayer.

The church then presented him with a beautiful Bible.

Rev. Jones is a graduate of Mississippi College, and will enter Fort Worth Seminary for his Theological training. He is the son of the late Mr. Percy V. Jones, and Mrs. F. M. McLaurin of Pascagoula. A brother, Victor Jones resides in Prentiss.

A host of friends are praying for this worthy young minister.

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## Teachers Oppose Bus Aid To Parochial Schools

BOSTON (RNS)—Adopting a recommendation of its commission on educational reconstruction, the American Federation of Teachers, AF of L, voted at their convention here that Federal appropriations to aid education be limited to public schools.

The convention also voted in favor of the use of public funds to provide welfare services for children in all schools, both public and private.

Rejecting a recommendation that Federal funds be used for transportation of children to and from non-public schools, the Federation gave its approval to a subsidy to be administered through local public welfare agencies, which would enable needy pupils, especially on the secondary school level, to continue in school.

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## Lena Church Calls Rev. S. G. Pope

Lena, Sept. 12 — The Baptist Church at Lena has extended a call to the Rev. S. G. Pope, of Sondheim, La., to serve the church as pastor. Mr. Pope has formerly served Mississippi parishes, but for the last few years has been in Louisiana.

The church here has been without a pastor since the resignation of the Rev. A. A. Ward, who served the church for seven years and under whose leadership the church went to full time work.

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Rev. C. E. Snowden of Longview has resigned Cross Roads Church in Neshoba County and has two Sundays open for pastoral work.



## Department of Church Music

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### STATE CONVENTION OF BAPTIST MUSICIANS

October 3-4, 1947, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Theme: "Reaching the Multitudes Through Music".

#### Friday Morning Session

9:30—Praise and Worship — W. C. Morgan, Mrs. E. N. Elsey, and Mississippi College Quartet

9:45—Welcome — Reverend W. L. Compere

9:55—Organ Solo — Miss Hazel Chisholm

10:05—Recognitions — Luther A. Harrison

10:25—Piano Solo — Sam Jones, Jr.

10:30—Trends in Modern Church Music — Prof. E. N. Elsey

10:50—Special Music — Jeanette and Janice Denson

10:55—Special Music — Mississippi College Quartet

11:00—Music and Missions

11:15—Multitudes Need to be reached — Dr. D. A. McCall

12:00—Adjourn

#### Friday Afternoon Session

1:15—Worship and Praise — C. R. Haire and Mrs. W. L. Compere

1:30—Music for the Multitudes — W. Hines Sims

1:45—Music and Materials — Mrs. O. M. Jones

1:55—Training Union Ensembles Reaching People — Rev. Joe T. Odle

2:10—State Training Union Ensemble Contest

5:00—Adjourn

#### Friday Evening Session

7:15—Praise and Worship — Billy Hilbun, Mrs. J. H. Street and Miss Chisholm

7:30—Christian Education and Trained Leaders — Frank Skilton

7:45—Multitudes of Men in Music — W. R. Roberts

8:00—Music in Walthall County — C. Edward Yarborough

8:15—Brotherhood Quartet Chorus — Directed by W. Hines Sims

8:30—Music in the Hearts of the Multitudes — Dr. S. R. Woodson

9:15—Adjourn

#### Saturday Morning Session

9:30—Worship and Praise — Cecil Gresham, Mrs. B. H. Kenna and Clarke College Quartet

9:45—Sunday School Hymn Players will Play for the Multitudes — E. C. Williams

10:00—State Sunday School Hymn Playing Contest

11:50—A Multitude of Boys and Girls Need to be Used — Rev. S. W. Valentine—Adjourn

(Correction) The picture of the Macedonia Baptist Church choir appeared in this column August 28 and it was stated that there were 101 present. This should have been 207.

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Marion: A Training Union Study Course was held at the Marion Baptist Church Sept. 1-5. There were 53 taking the course for credit and in addition a class for the Story Hour was conducted with 7 attending. Officers for the new year were elected Wed., Sept. 10, as follows: Supt. of S. S., J. C. Morgan; Dir. of the BTU, Mrs. Carl Talbert; Pres. of WMU, Mrs. A. C. Engell. P. F. Engell was elected Chairman of the Deacons.



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### THE BLOODY MONSTER, DRINK (Continued)

The liquor crowd has been working hard and spending millions of dollars to destroy all legislation that would hinder the full flow of their product. Consequently, they have made many converts, especially among the people who do not think for themselves but who swallow the propaganda handed them by the liquor crowd. They are saying, "You just as well legalize it. People are going to drink it anyway." In order to be consistent, one who advocates this should take the same attitude toward every other law or evil. One just as well reason thus: "We can not blot out rape. In 1946 there were 33 rape cases per day. So, therefore, we should legalize it and let the state get the revenue from it." Do you see it? Again, one might as well say that people are going to rob their fellowman anyway. We should, therefore, legalize robbery and let the state get 10 per cent of the spoils. During every 24 hours in 1946 there was an average of 172 persons robbed. Most of these cases are traceable to strong drink. Do you see it?

Or again, I could have just as much respect for a rational person who argued like this: "You know, there were 36 persons murdered during the average day last year. We can not stop it, and so I am for legalizing murder and arming every man, woman, boy and girl with two six-shooters and sending them out with licenses to kill. Let the state get the revenue." Now, be careful with your criticism of this sort of reasoning, saying, "This is nonsense. He is insane." The person who is hollow between the ears is the person who would advocate legalizing the crime breeder but who would

punish the criminal. When one drinks beverage alcohol, the inevitable outcome is heartache, tragedy, crime, death and destruction. According to the estimate made by district attorneys and judges, liquor is responsible for 50 percent to 90 percent of crime.

When health authorities make a campaign against mosquitoes, they do not go around the homes spraying for them. They go to the cesspools where mosquitoes breed. The same is true with rats. They go where rats breed to destroy them. It is the prattle of a fool who would advocate building a hospital at the foot of the precipice on Dead Man's Curve to care for the victims and oppose the straightening of the curve or the erection of adequate signs or some sort of preventive measure.

The liquor crowd has not left us in the dark as to their aim and purpose. They tell us that our youth is their raw material. "They seek the young child's life." They stated in their *Brewers Digest* just after repeal of the 18th amendment, "We must train up a drinking youth." In the same publication, May, 1941, they said, "One of the finest things that could happen to the brewing industry was the insistence of high ranking officers to make beer available in Army camps. Here is a chance for brewers to cultivate the largest beer consuming section of our population." Is there any wonder that our young people are leading the world in crime?

Their eyes are on our babies like the vulture of the air over their prey. Judge Fred Baile, above quoted, was right when he said, "The human family is the only part of God's creation that will prey on its young."

(Continued Next Week)

### Arizona Baptists Seek Funds To Build College--\$50,000 Is Goal--\$500,000 Already Given

Arizona Southern Baptists are in the greatest movement of their twenty-five years history. The fifty-six churches that compose the Baptist General Convention of Arizona are building a Baptist College.

Arizona is a wicked state, ruled by the world, the flesh, and the devil. The religious life is dominated by Catholicism and Mormonism. Southern Baptists are out to "Win Arizona for Christ."

During the past three years Southern Baptist churches in Arizona have doubled in number and in membership. Our movement is no longer looked upon with disfavor, but we are beginning to be recognized and have a standing we have not enjoyed before.

During the period, September 14 to 28, the Southern Baptist churches in Arizona are in a campaign to raise \$50,000 for the pressing building needs of churches meeting in tents, schools, stores, and inadequate buildings, this is an impossible undertaking. But nothing is too hard for our great God, and every indication at the present is that we will go beyond our goal.

The City of Prescott is offering our Convention a College site, cash, and buildings which will amount to \$500,000. With our struggling churches

The following have been recent visitors to the Baptist Record office: Dr. J. D. Ray, Starkville; Rev. J. P. Bush, Hopewell; Dr. and Mrs. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Kathleen Johnson, Philadelphia; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Summit; Phil J. Walker, Jr., Summit; Robert Payne, Jackson; Homer Cox, Sr., Jackson; T. Miller Dickson, Jackson; Bill Roso, Jackson; John S. Compere, Jackson; W. L. Compere, Jr., Jackson; Albert H. Mendoza, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. J. P. Graves, Puckett; Rev. A. L. O'Brian, Grenada; Joe Moak, Norfield; Joe Jack Hurst, Macon; F. F. Parsons, Columbus; Dr. J. W. Landrum, Canton; Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson; Rev. L. R. Alford, Harpersville; Dr. Courts Redford, Atlanta, Ga.

giving \$50,000, and with one of our cities offering us a half-million dollars, surely the Baptists throughout Mississippi and the Southern Baptist Convention territory will hear the call and give us another half million dollars to help start this College the way it ought to be started and to assure its success in the future.

There is no Christian College sponsored by Baptists or any Protestant group in the states of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and Wyoming. Our young people have to go nearly 1,000 miles to get to a Christian school. Pastors, churches, church members, we appeal to you to lay this burden on your hearts and help us win the West for Christ by helping us build a Baptist College in Arizona.

## NINE REAL REASONS FOR THE TITHING CRUSADE

BY ELLIS A. FULLER

When the Southern Baptist Convention voted in St. Louis to call upon all Baptists to bring their tithes into their respective churches for the last three months of this year they attained unto new heights. No concerted effort hitherto approximates in significance and possible kingdom achievement this action. This challenge exceeds by far that of the Seventy-five Million Campaign.

To ask Southern Baptists to increase their gifts one hundred million in three months is a much greater challenge than to ask them to give seventy-five million in five years. This challenge is of such magnitude the people shrug their shoulders and say within themselves that it is impossible.

But there are nine real reasons why Southern Baptists should tithe for three months. Here they are:

### 1. THEY CAN DO IT.

It is estimated that we now have about seven hundred thousand tithers. If these can tithe, the others can.

### 2. THEY OUGHT TO DO IT.

Aside from the Biblical teachings about the tithe and stewardship, the urgent need for the Christian ministry throughout the world demands this response immediately on the part of all Southern Baptists.

### 3. THEY MUST DO IT.

The world is a modern Sodom whose hope is based upon righteous men. Why should we hope in a righteousness which demands less than our tithe to meet the requirements of our Holy Father?

### 4. THEY MAY DO IT.

It is their glorious privilege granted to them by the grace of God. Oh, that we could see that service and stewardship and salvation are full brothers. Out of the womb of grace were born all three.

### 5. THEY NEED THE MONEY FOR THEIR PROGRAM.

Some ask seriously if Baptists could use wisely and constructively their total tithe in their service program. A wealthy business man said to his pastor, "If I tithe into my church, there would be no need for anybody else to give." I know of others who have said the same thing. In all kindness we must say that such statements are confessions of lack of vision. The New Testament shifts from the tithe to stewardship for the simple reason that God knows that the tithe is not enough to make disciples of all the nations. Stewardship and not the tithe is commensurate with the task. One wonders how much longer God will give Southern Baptists to shift their basis of world conquest in Christ's name from the cut-down Jewish tithe to New Testament stewardship.

### 6. THEY WILL EXPERIENCE A NEW SENSE OF UNITY IF THEY WILL DO IT.

Out of this effort will come help for all—the local church, every state board and agency, every Southwide board and agency. It will mean an equitable lift to every phase of our program.

### 7. THEY WILL LEARN STEWARDSHIP BY DOING IT.

There seems to be lurking in the minds of some that to ask the people to tithe for three months is a compromise unworthy of Baptists. They say that we should challenge every Christian to make it his life principle to tithe. God would despair of realizing his eternal purpose according to his present plan, which provides in grace for human participation, if all Christians should make the tithe the fixed ceiling for their giving. Stewardship in its practical application means that what we give and what we keep for the glory of God must be equal to all we have! But we do not become stewards of all until we learn to give a part. Footmen must learn to walk before they can run marathons. "Prove me," says God.

### 8. THEY WILL ENRICH THEMSELVES SPIRITUALLY BY DOING IT.

Genuine spirituality is at low tide among us. Our souls are gasping for breath beneath the avalanche of material prosperity which has come down upon us as individuals from the mountains of wartime spending. The wise man said, "He that hath an evil eye lusteth after riches; and knoweth not that what shall come upon him." What did he mean? Jesus tells us, "If thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness." In the words of God's Word let me say, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

When Jesus commanded the young man to sell all he had and give to the poor, he explained, "And thou shalt have treasure in heaven." In this he stated the primary reason why any man should give anything. The purpose of giving is not to enrich God, but to enrich ourselves with heavenly treasures. Heavenly selfishness must replace earthly selfishness in the hearts of believers.

### 9. BY TITHING THREE MONTHS SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MAY PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE REVIVAL OF WORLD NEEDS.

Many scientists, many educators, many statisticians, many business men are saying with many preachers that only a world sweeping spiritual awakening can stay the hand of death from falling upon this civilization. While all men want, hope, and pray for peace, they confess by their fears that they are expecting one more war which will be very short. A revival can save us, but it must cover the earth like the waters cover the sea.

Stewardship may be God's forerunner of this revival. I do not infer that material gifts alone from our hands will bring spiritual blessings from God's hands, blessings he will not bestow without the cash. I do say that Southern Baptists, if they will become genuine stewards in the sense that they accept the Lordship of Christ will become a people through whom God can pour out his spirit upon the whole earth.

The 27th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association was held at the Southwestern Seminary August 26-28. The registration for this year's meeting reached 210. Thirty-two new members were received. The newly elected officers for the Association are: President: Professor Joe Davis Heacock of the School of Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary, Vice President: Mr. Wm. E. Young, Minister of Education and Music, Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, Vice President: Dr. Truett Walton, Dean of Men and Professor of Religious Education, Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, Vice President: Mr. Ralph Davis, State Training Union Secretary Little Rock, Arkansas. Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. Ellis Province, Educational Secretary, Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Charles Flint of Burbank, California, has been added to the faculty of Southwestern Seminary and will head the Theory Department of the Music School. His teaching duties will include advanced harmony, advanced composition, advanced counterpoint and history and formal analysis. Mr. Flint holds the Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of Redlands, California. He worked with Ernest Toch at the University of Southern California under the Alchin Scholarship and has done extensive private study with Dr. Paul A. Pisk, distinguished Viennese Musicologist and composer.

New Hope Church, Sunflower County, recently completed a VBS with an enrollment of 65. Pastor Howard Scarborough was principal of the school. Others teaching in the school were: Mrs. Howard Scarborough, Mrs. J. L. Harris, Mrs. G. P. Lucius, Mrs. L. D. Bibb, and Mrs. Jimmy Dixon.



## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary . . . Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi  
Associates: Joe Abrams, Louise Hill, Clarice Conner, Alene Johnson

Mrs. James Spears reports a new Training Union at Pheba. Congratulations Pheba. This is not the first time this church has had a Training Union, but let's hope it is the last time they will have to organize one. The loss of a leader often throws a union in reverse, so much the more reason why we should have a good adult union building up a supply of leaders for every department of the church life.

### PEARL RIVER SIMULTANEOUS CAMPAIGN

Sixteen churches cooperated in the simultaneous Training Union Enlargement Campaign held in Pearl River Association the week of September 1-5. This program was set up in October 1946, about a year ahead of time. It was done at a Pastor's Conference, and so plans were well laid. It was not thought then that schools would be opening on Sept. 1 but they did and this was of course a handicap. Each church except one had an outside worker who directed the campaign and who also taught a book. The program on the whole was good. State Secretary Auber J. Wilds, and Associational Missionary S. J. Rhodes visited each of the 16 churches and spoke a word of challenge and encouragement to each. This was made possible by some of the churches arranging, for the visitors to be there for their opening period, others for their intermission, and others for their closing. 500 or more awards will be issued to the members of the following churches: Juniper Grove, who led in attendance, Bethel, Oak Hill, Poplarville, West Poplarville, New Henleyfield, Pine Grove, New Palestine, Roseland Park, Goodyear, Pica-yune, Ozona, Corinth, Nicholson, Union, Harmony. The weather was perfect—a little warm in spots—and the spirit fine. Already Missionary Rhodes has plans in the making for 1948.

Already twelve associations have held their annual business meeting at which reports of the work for the year are made, new officers for the coming associational year elected, and programs of progress planned. 59 others will be held during the rest of September and in October. We are concerned that in each of these a full corps of Associational Training Union officers be elected. Won't you see that this is done, and send us the list just as soon as the association is over. Thank you.

### DAILY BIBLE READING

(1) Juniors, (2) All Others  
Sunday (1) Mark 16:9-13 (2) Acts 12:24-25; 13:1-3  
Monday (1) Mark 16:14-20. (2) Acts 13:4-13.  
Tuesday (1) Acts 12:12, 25; 13:5 (2) Acts 15:35-38.  
Wednesday (1) Acts 13:13. (2) Acts 15:38 to 16:9.  
Thursday (1) 2 Tim. 4:11. (2) Col. 4:10; Acts 15:39.  
Friday (1) John 15:9-17. (2) I Peter 5:5-13.  
Saturday — S.S. Lessons.

### MARSHALL COUNTY ASSOCIATION REORGANIZES

The Marshall County Associational Training Union was reorganized Sun-

day afternoon, August 24. The organizational meeting was held in the Holly Springs Church with Mrs. C. A. Sanders, retiring Associate Director, presiding. An interesting program preceded the election of officers for the coming year. The Associational Standard of Excellence was adopted as a guide, and plans were made to follow it. Officers elected include: Director, Mrs. Sanders, of Slayden church; Associate Director, Rev. R. O. Banks-ton, Slayden church; Pastor-Advisor, Rev. H. H. Aultman, Holly Springs church; Secretary, Mr. Frank Nichols, Holly Springs church; Chorister, Rev. H. H. Aultman; Pianist, Miss Willene Knapp, Holly Springs church. The Director was authorized to appoint the department leaders. Joe Abrams of the State Training Union Office was present and brought the inspirational address of the occasion.

Southern Baptists who have the truth, who know the truth and hold the truth, also withhold the truth. We should lead the world in our loyalty! And some of us are not proud of our tithing and giving record. To say nothing of the 17 non Baptist denominations that excel us in per member giving, we compare ourselves with the Northern Baptists, whom some say are "not as good Baptists as we are". Northern Baptists give an average of a fraction over \$20.00 per member to all causes. \$16 of this is used at home, a little over \$4 given to missions and benevolences. Southern Baptists give \$14.34 per member of which \$11 is used for local work and \$3.34 given to missions and benevolences. The sad thing about the whole matter is that neither denomination honored God with the tithe. Of course a few members did, and happy are they.

### Blue Mtn. Plans Homecoming

Blue Mountain, Mississippi, September 12—George W. Beswick, General Chairman of the Lowery Memorial Baptist Church Homecoming, October 12, has announced the names of the committee chairmen for that occasion as follows: Publicity: Lawrence T. Lowrey; Program: George W. Beswick; Entertainment: Perrin H. Lowrey; Social: Mesdames W. N. Guyton, G. W. Beswick, A. J. Guyton; Grounds and Property: S. L. Godwin; Traffic and Safety: L. M. Gatlin; Transportation: Ruffin Mitchell; Finance: A. J. Guyton.

The committee is preparing for 1000 persons—present and former members of the church and their friends.

The homecoming is in connection with obtaining funds toward the new church building that is being planned. All former and present members of the church are asked to make donations to the building fund.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BR)—Schools and parents alike should teach children "that America is not great because of her material wealth but because of her God," Dr. P. W. Alexander, dean of East Tennessee State College, told a Parent-Teacher Association group here. Dr. Alexander also suggested that the effectiveness of parent-teacher co-operation could be increased by heightening the dignity of teachers and more frequent visits by parents to the school.

### VETERAN EDITOR PASSES Dr. F. M. McConnell Was 84



BY ELLIOTT DUDLEY

The last of the Nineteenth Century giants among Texas Baptists has gone. Dr. F. M. McConnell, contemporary leader and counselor with such men as Carroll, Buckner, Cranfill, Gambrell, Truett and Scar-of the denomination went to his reward September 1 at the ripe age of 84.

He climaxed 60 years of ministry in the Southwest, as pastor, evangelist, educator and denominational leader, by becoming editor of the Baptist Standard at an age when most men are thinking of retiring. In 16 strenuous years he increased the circulation 100,000, and made a business success of a financial liability. Retiring from the position of editor and general manager of the paper in 1944 to become editor emeritus, he left it with an unprecedented list of 115,000 subscribers.

After serving as pastor of several churches in Texas, Dr. McConnell spent eight years as an evangelist and in 1910 was elected corresponding Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, succeeding Dr. J. B. Gambrell. He also served as Superintendent of Evangelism for Southwestern Seminary, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, President of Burleson College, Greenville, Texas, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bonham, Texas, Executive Secretary of Baylor Hospital, Dallas, pastor Calvary Church, San Antonio. He became editor of the Baptist Standard in 1928.

He was the author of five books, left a complete manuscript for another, and had more in preparation. He held honorary degrees from Oklahoma Baptist and Baylor universities.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. A. C. Seawell, Pottstown, Pa. Mrs. L. E. Lamb, Nacogdoches, five grandchildren and one great-grand child.

Mr. R. Othal Feather has been added to the faculty of the School of Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary and will direct the clinical training of the students enrolled in the Education School. Mr. Feather has had wide experience in religious education work and has served various churches as educational director, the most recent of which was the Polytechnic Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Along with his teaching Mr. Feather will pursue studies toward the D.R.E. degree.

Mr. Feather also served as chaplain during World War II.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

Pastor J. W. Hudson tells of two great meetings in Smith county. At Raleigh there were 20 additions, 17 of them by baptism. The pastor preached and H. D. Hudson of Jackson, Tenn., led the singing. At Liberty there were 28 additions 17 of them by baptism. Pastor preached and Mr. Rap Moulder led the singing. The churches were greatly revived.

Pastor W. E. Hellen reports a great meeting at Fannin in which Dr. J. C. Greenoe of the First Church at Vicksburg, did the preaching. There were 20 additions to the church, 6 by letter and 14 by baptism. Also a W.M.S., a Sunbeam Band, B.Y.P.U., and a prayer meeting was organized and fifteen homes have promised to have family worship. Dr. Greenoe was unanimously invited back for another meeting next year.

Pastor N. A. Edmonds reports a good meeting in his church at Eupora in which there were 17 accessions to the church. Nine by letter and eight by baptism.

Dr. J. W. Mayfield, pastor of the First Church at McComb, Miss., did the preaching.

M. C. McDaniel, Rev. J. B. Quinn, Rev. T. D. Cox, Rev. W. R. Cooper and Miss Jennie Watts give a very interesting account of the Marion Normal held at Columbia, Miss.

In the Western section of the county churches sent representatives to New Hope. There was an enrollment of 135 representing 11 churches, four full time classes.

In Columbia, the enrollment was fine and character of work excellent. There were nine full time classes well attended. Special features was post-graduate class of 16 members. Results from splendid organization show complete enrollment of 266, churches represented 28, classes taught, nine. Teachers, five, awards, 149.

### DR. R. G. LEE WILL SPEAK TO DEER CREEK MEN

A great men's rally has been planned for Leland Baptist Church on Tuesday night, September 23, at 7:30, according to Rev. Harold Douglas, Associational missionary.

Dr. R. G. Lee, of Memphis will deliver his famous sermon on the subject "The Menace of Mediocrity."

The meeting will stress the tithing campaign and the Cooperative Program campaign which are now uppermost in the minds of Mississippi Baptists.

Mr. Douglas states that all men from all over the Delta are urged to attend this meeting.

### MRS. CARRIE GREEN LUMBLEY

On May 24, 1947, Mrs. Carrie Green Lumbley went home to glory. Mrs. Lumbley was the widow of the late William T. Lumbley, one of the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Africa. He rendered service in Nigeria for 28 years.

Following his death Mrs. Lumbley, a resident of England, carried on the work, developing a school for girls for 17 years and in appreciation of the work that she carried on, King George of England sent for her and decorated her for her work.

Following an accident in which she tripped and was injured on an English railroad train in 1945, Mrs. Lumbley's health was impaired, and she finally succumbed to a stroke which she suffered in her last days. A few relatives survive her. Among these are a sister who resides in England, Miss Molly Lumbley, Meridian; D. F. L. Lumbley, Hooks, Texas, numerous nieces and nephews in Texas, Tennessee, and Mississippi, and Mrs. L. E. Miller (Nee Sallie Lumbley), near Raymond, Mississippi.





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### PIKE COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Pike County Associational Brotherhood met Tuesday evening, September 2, at Percy Quinn Park. A delicious meal was served after which the following officers were elected: J. H. Simpson, Fernwood, president; Hughey H. Breeland, Tylertown, vice-president; Joe McCollough, McComb, secretary; and Hugh Bowlin, chorister.

After the business session Brother Lowrey Compere, pastor of Northside Church in Jackson, brought a masterful message on the subject "The Brotherhood's Part in the Tithing Campaign". The Pike County Association is one of the finest we have in the Southland.

### OTHER ASSOCIATIONS TO MEET

Before this article will have been published the following associations will have met: Lauderdale, September 8, at Highland Church; Gulf Coast, September 9, at Handsboro; Simpson, September 16, at Mt. Zion. Hinds-Warren meets tonight (September 18) at Northside Church in Jackson. Madison will meet Monday, September 22, at First Church, Canton; Deer Creek, September 23 (place to be announced); Newton, September 26, Decatur; and Leake, September 29, at Carthage.

There is no way to ascertain the far-reaching influence of these meetings, the main theme of which shall be "The Brotherhood's Part in the Tithing Campaign".

### "How Is The Tithing Effort Coming On?"

By J. E. Dillard

Very well. Three weeks before the meeting of the convention in St. Louis I sent a return postal card to every pastor on our mailing list. I asked them: (1) How many tithers they already had, (2) How many more they hoped to get, (3) and how many church members they had.

Replies in hand from churches aggregating 1,063,131 members report 159,903 tithers already secured. That is about one-fifth of our people report about 160,000 tithers. If the other four-fifths not yet heard from have done as well, then we have about 800,000 tithers, and surely we can get the other 200,000 by the end of the year. This would enable us to preach our minimum goal of A Million Southern Baptist Tithers for Christ in 1947.

It could be better. The most peculiar thing about people is that they are so much like folks. The ones who are doing well are apt to report before the ones who are not doing so well. Some will not report at all because they have nothing to report. So I would hesitate to say we have 800,000 tithers or even half of them who are actually contributing a tenth of their increase, or net income, for the Lord's work through their churches.

But I am dead sure we can get and will get the full one million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ this year if those of us who really want them will do our best, stay on the job, and work and pray night and day.

#### October 5 Is Tithing Enlistment Day

Rev. Chas. Skutt, pastor at Como, was the visiting preacher during the revival at Arkabutla, August 24-29. There were 12 additions, 9 for baptism. The pastor is Rev. F. V. McFatridge.

### The Woman's College Miracle

By G. S. Dobbins

I have just seen a near miracle.

A week before the opening of Mississippi Woman's College I was in Hattiesburg visiting relatives on a little vacation trip and took advantage of the opportunity to inspect the remodeled college. President Rouse and his associates have achieved the well-nigh impossible.

The buildings, which had fallen into bad repair through seven years disuse and some inevitable abuse, have been made attractive almost beyond belief. Everything about the place speaks eloquently of quality. There is not an item of equipment or furnishings that smacks of cheapness. One gets the impression at every turn of stability and permanence. An amazing administrative ability has made all this possible without debt. If the Baptists of south Mississippi want a school for their girls which will match anything in or out of the state to which they could send them, they have the answer in reconstructed Woman's College.

Let me suggest that everyone who reads these lines visit Mississippi Woman's College. I believe that all who do so will come away with my impression—that the College is in good hands, that it bids fair to be a school of outstanding excellence, that its growth will be steady and its future secure, and that Mississippi Baptists will prove themselves wise if they take the college unreservedly into their hearts and give it their full confidence and support.

## For Your Protection and the Protection of Your Family

(To Mississippi Baptist Pastors)

Mississippi Ministers Retirement Plan provides:

1. Protection in event of total and permanent disability.
2. Liberal income upon retirement at 65 or thereafter.
3. Retiring Member may elect to make provision for his widow by dividing his annuity.
4. Plan guarantees return of his dues (3%) either in form of
  - (1) Disability Annuity
  - (2) Age Annuity
  - (3) Refund in cash plus interest to beneficiary or estate.

Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan

Objective

To provide annuities for widows of members of Mississippi Ministers Retirement Plan where such members die before entering upon an age retirement annuity or who die while receiving a disability annuity provided under the Ministers Retirement Plan.

Cost

1. Member Contributions—The contributions of the member (hereinafter referred to as member contributions) shall be the following percentages of the salary basis.

Attained Age At Beginning of Fiscal Year	Contribution
Up to 59, inclusive	1 1-2%
60 to 69, inclusive	2%
70 and up	2 1-2%

2. Convention Contributions—The contributions of the convention (hereinafter referred to as convention contributions) shall be amounts equivalent to the contributions of the members and shall be in addition thereto.

3. Plan operates on year by year cost basis.

Benefits

1. Plan provides most liberal annuity for widow of pastor who dies in service.

(a) In order to accumulate reserve no benefits payable first year.

(b) Graduated scale of benefits for first six years—full benefit thereafter.

Important

2. In the event that a member of the Retirement Plan who was participating in the Widows Annuity Plan enters upon a disability annuity, the convention shall continue the convention contributions and shall assume also the member's contributions on the salary basis upon which the contributions were paid in the last year of active membership in order that the widow of such members may receive continued protection under the widows annuity plan.

Guaranteed

1. Return to member of any unearned dues.

2. Provided that, if the total of the annuity payments paid to the widow prior to her death or remarriage shall not equal the full amount of the member's accumulated credits in any such existing retirement plan as of the date of the death of the member, then, and in that event, the excess of such member's accumulated credits over the total of such annuity payments shall be returned.

Member cannot possibly lose his 3%

The Executive Committee has authorized the effecting of the contract with the Relief and Annuity Board for making operative the Widows Supplemental Plan effective July 1, 1947.

The applications and checks held by us will be used as of this date.

Others should write the Convention Board office for applications.

Do not have a later contract impaired by coming in late, if you are now an active pastor.

Write To

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

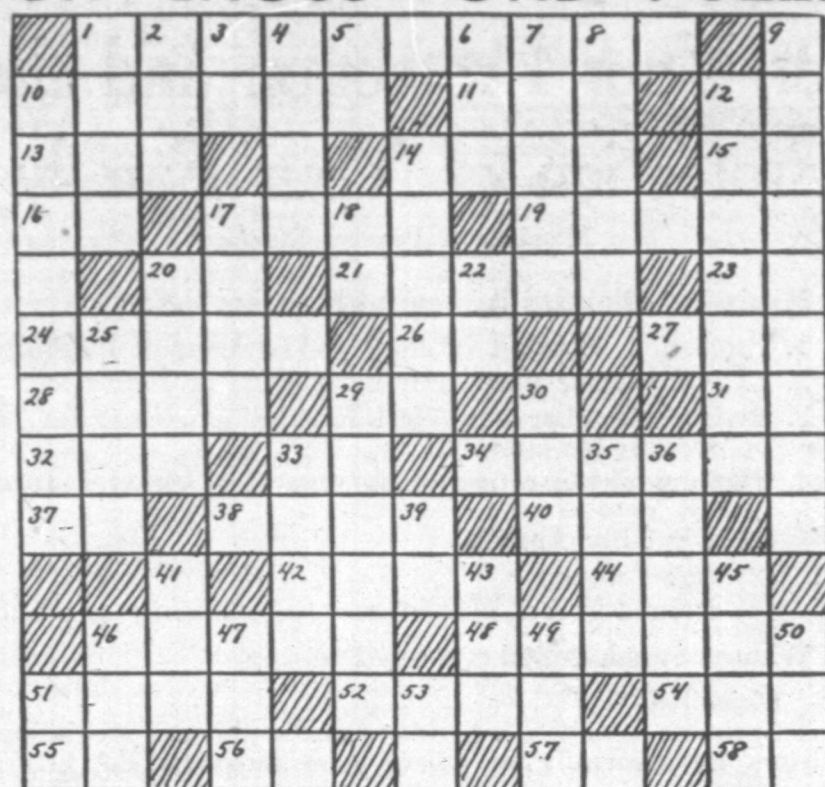
D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary

Baptist Building

Jackson, Mississippi



## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory."—John 2:11.

## HORIZONTAL

- 1 "that . . . ye shall ask of the Father in my name" John 15:16  
 10 North American Indian tribe  
 11 Loiter  
 12 Southern state  
 13 "both Jesus was called, . . . his disciples" John 2:2  
 14 " . . . the waterpots with water" John 2:7  
 15 "Every man . . . the beginning doth set forth good wine" John 2:10  
 16 Second note of scale  
 17 "behold, a greater than Solomon is . . ." Luke 11:31  
 19 "though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the . . ." Jer. 49:16  
 20 "And . . . saith unto them" John 2:8  
 21 "Jesus . . . unto her" John 2:4  
 23 A Benjamite I Chron. 7:12  
 24 "keep themselves" from things offered to . . . Acts 21:25  
 26 South America  
 27 A high mountain  
 28 Genus of plants  
 29 . . . Sinai  
 31 Combining form denoting an early time  
 32 A fish  
 33 Dialect of Eastern Assam  
 34 Rue  
 37 In the midst of Jews; we turned around  
 38 "His mother saith . . . the servants" John 2:5  
 40 "I go to prepare a place for . . ." John 14:2  
 42 "what have I to do with . . ." John 2:4  
 44 "no man putteth new wine into . . . bottles" Luke 5:37  
 46 "when men have well drunk, then that which is . . ." John 2:10  
 48 Waterbirds; herons, snipes, etc.  
 51 Place of first miracle  
 52 Rawhide thong  
 54 Brazilian coin  
 55 "even the Son of man which . . . in heaven" John 3:13  
 56 "no man can . . . these miracles" John 3:2  
 57 "And they bare . . ." John 2:8  
 58 Exodus  
 A saying of Jesus' mother is 1, 20, 21, 38, 40, 56, and 57 combined

## VERTICAL

- 1 "They have no . . ." John 2:3  
 2 "When the ruler of the feast . . . tasted the water" John 2:9  
 3 "I . . . the light of the world" John 8:12  
 4 "bind the . . . of thine head upon thee" Ezek. 24:17  
 5 Sunday School  
 6 Highpriest and judge of Israel I Sam. 14:3  
 7 Manservant

- 8 One of David's wives II Sam. 3:5  
 9 "And there were set there six . . ." John 2:6  
 10 "the third day there was a . . ." John 2:1  
 12 "in Cana of . . ." John 2:1  
 14 "the governor of the . . ." John 2:8  
 17 "turned about with a very small . . ." Jas. 3:4  
 18 Recording Secretary  
 20 "mine . . . is not yet come" John 2:4  
 22 Iowa  
 25 " . . . out now, and bear unto the governor" John 2:8  
 29 "the . . . of Jesus was there" John 2:1  
 30 Turkish governor  
 33 "The . . . are a people not strong" Prov. 30:25  
 35 "thou hast kept the . . . wine until now" John 2:10  
 36 "the . . . of the feast" John 2:9  
 39 Whirlwind off the Faroe Islands  
 41 "Rabbi, thou art the . . . of God" John 1:49  
 43 Female sheep  
 45 To suffer (Scot.)  
 46 "knew not whence it . . ." John 2:9  
 47 Radical  
 49 Servant of Solomon Ezra 2:57  
 50 " . . . waterpots of stone" John 2:6  
 51 Number of Psalm beginning, "I will sing of mercy and judgment"  
 53 "marriage . . . Cana" John 2:1

## Year Book Dedicated To Perrin Lowrey

The Mountaineer, year book for Blue Mountain College, is dedicated to Perrin Holmes Lowrey, Mississippi poet, former professor of English at the College, and retired insurance executive.

In the feature section appear the pictures of Frances Gene Hannaford, Jackson, Intellectuality and May Queen; Joyce Tyler, Picayune, Maid of Honor; Martha Hollis; Derma, Charm; Corrine Griffin, Laurel, Friendliest; Jean McCarty, Birmingham, Ala., Versatility; Floris Gore, Marks, Wit; Evelyn Wright, Greenfield, Tenn., Sportsmanship.

—From Blue Mountain College—1947  
 Per JOAN MITCHELL, S.C.N.

Dr. Basil P. Martin, who went from the pastorate at Sturgis to West Memphis, has accepted the call to Duncan, South Carolina, and is now on the field.

Priceville Church, Leake County, recently sent \$50 for the Cooperative Program and the new budget provides for \$25 per month and they hope to do more.

## Smith Begins New Forest Pastorate



DR. L. E. SMITH

Dr. L. E. Smith, who has been called as pastor of the Forest Baptist church has a fine record at Heuck's Retreat and Crosby, where he served for some time. At Heuck's Retreat the church grew into half time work with a splendid future. At Crosby the growth has been marked. Approximately 75 additions have been made to the church, a library has been established, the church organizations are all functioning well and a fine spirit of fellowship is noted.

The new pastor at Forest who is a native of Lincoln County received his college education at Mississippi College, and his theological training at New Orleans. His Seminary record was outstanding, being one of four men to achieve special high scholastic honors in the history of the school. He holds both the Master and Doctor in Theology degrees from New Orleans and served as graduate fellow and a member of the student faculty in the Department of Church History and Theology. He was president of the student body in 1944.

Mrs. Smith is the former Miss Daisy Smith of McCall, Miss. She attended Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary, having graduated there with the Bachelor of Religious Education degree. They have two children, a girl three years of age and a baby boy.

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The Committee on Order of Business will meet early in October to make up the program for the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will be held in Jackson November 17-19, 1947. The Committee will welcome suggestions and requests from any or all members of the Convention. Please give your suggestions in writing to some member of the Committee.—G. C. HODGE, Chairman, Biloxi, Mississippi.

"Standing On the Promises" is a book full of rich truths from the book of Acts. The author is Dr. J. Woodbridge, pastor of the Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia. The publisher is the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Illinois. The price is \$2.00. Dr. Woodbridge has put into this book the results of his thorough study of the book of Acts. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher. —Rev. William H. Bucklew of Laurel, Mississippi, has recently published an interesting book entitled "Spiritual Vitamins". A veteran of World War II, he has served several churches and was state chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1946-47. Cloth bound, the book contains 112 pages of sermonettes, sermon outlines, sermon subjects, and 50 Bible questions and answers from the Word of God. The price is \$1.00 and orders should be sent to the author at Laurel.

## Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

September 22—S. C. Wallace, Executive Committee, Brotherhood of the South; Miss Frances Jackson, Mississippi College Faculty member.

September 23—Donald Fitzgerald, Training Union Associational Director; Carroll Gartin, Mississippi College Trustee.

September 24—W. H. Anderson, Blue Mountain College Trustee; J. B. Middleton, Trustee Baptist Memorial Hospital.

September 25—Miss Christine Giles, Blue Mountain College Faculty member; Rev. Dan Morton, Secretary-Treasurer District II Brotherhood.

September 26—Melvin Landrum, Mississippi College Faculty member; Sam Quimby, Training Union Associational Director.

September 27—Benny F. Loyd, Mississippi College Faculty member. Rev. Fred Booker, executive Committee, Brotherhood of the South.

September 28—M. P. Moore, Trustee Baptist Memorial Hospital; Mrs. Howard Hollis, Blue Mountain College Faculty member.

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## New Orleans Seminary Opens With Capacity Enrollment

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary opened its 1947-48 session on Tuesday, September 9th, with a capacity enrollment and a long waiting list. Registration began on Monday breaking all records for first day enrollment. The annual convocation exercise was held Tuesday evening, September 9th, in Managan chapel. Dr. Eugene N. Patterson delivered the address using as his subject, "Some Fundamentals for Preaching Today." Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president, presided and introduced two new faculty members, Dr. Roy Beaman and Dr. Hardee Kennedy. The Master of Theology degree was conferred on Joseph C. Clapp, Jr.

During the summer months the Seminary has undergone extensive repairs to make room for additional students.

Architect's plans for the new campus are being rushed to completion and the campaign to raise funds for construction will be announced at an early date.

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## S. E. Miss. Pastors To Meet

The Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors Conference will meet on September 22 at First Church, Laurel. The following program has been arranged:

- 10:00-10:15 Devotional—E. F. Hicks.  
 10:15-11:15 Reports.  
 11:15-11:30 Objectives for the Conference, T. R. Coulter (Pres.)  
 11:30-12:00 Sermon—James H. Street.  
 12:00-1:00 Luncheon.  
 1:00- 1:15 Business.  
 1:15- 2:00 Study in Romans—James W. Parish

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HARRISBURG, Pa. —(RNS)— The Young Men's Christian Association is not a religious organization under provisions of Pennsylvania law which exempts religious groups from State registration for the purpose of soliciting funds, the State Department of Justice ruled here. In an opinion requested by Secretary of Welfare Charles R. Barber, Attorney General T. McKeen Chidsey said, "Both in the definition of its charter purpose, and in the actual activities of the associations, religious effort does not predominate. It is apparent that not all of the purposes and objectives of the association are those of a religious organization."



SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Rev. Joe T. Odle, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, has been selected by the Relief and Annuity Board to represent Mississippi as the Mississippi member of that board.

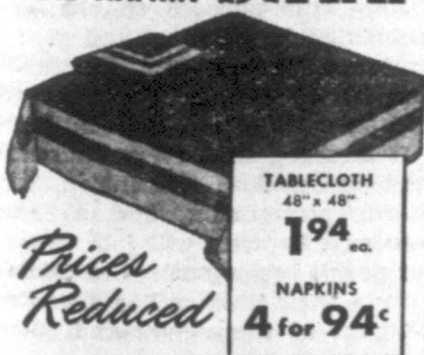
Dr. S. R. Woodson, who has succeeded Dr. J. D. Franks at First Church, Columbus, preached his first sermon on Sunday, August 24 to a well filled auditorium. He was presented to the church by F. P. Parsons, Chairman of the Deacons. From 4 to 6 o'clock a reception was held in the Educational Building. Hundreds of people came by to make the acquaintance of the new pastor. Dr. Woodson has made a favorable impression on the people and has taken hold of the work in a vigorous manner.

Recent visitors to the Baptist Record office have been: Miss Clay Daily, Brookhaven; Miss Maud Harrill, Charlotte, N.C.; Mrs. Thos. M. Gluyas, Jackson; Rev. Billy D. Stogner, New Orleans; Rev. Fred B. Bookler, McComb; J. D. Land, Philadelphia; R. V. Taylor, Philadelphia; Rev. Wm. N. Gardner, Hollywood, Fla.; W. H. Hutchins, Mississippi City; Rev. R. W. Porter, Collierville, Tenn.; E. G. Parkman, Gulfport; Dr. W. L. Sewell, Prentiss; Rev. R. A. Hancock, Clinton; Noel Barlow, Jackson; L. O. Henington, Bastrop, Texas; Charles Henington, Marshall, Texas; Rev. T. W. Green, Jackson; Rev. W. H. Bucklew, Clinton; Dr. Norman W. Cox, Meridian; Rev. Joe T. Odle, Gulfport; Rev. W. L. Day, Louisville; Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, Winona; Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Sturdivant, Merigold; Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Borah, Sturgis; Sammy Borah, Sturgis; Mary Kiyono, Sturgis; Rev. Jas. N. Brister, Oil City.

Dr. W. E. Greene assisted Pastor James E. Gooch in a revival at Fairfield Church, Jones County the week of August 17-24. There were 8 additions to the church by baptism. The first preaching date after the revival the pastor was recalled for the coming year.

Pastor C. B. Hamlet, III, of Winona, returned to his pulpit Sunday, September 7, after an absence of six weeks graciously granted to him by the church for a complete rest. On Wednesday at the Prayer Meeting, the first service after his vacation, the youth choir rendered special music. Sunday night three were baptized.

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Crystal Springs .....	549	97
New Albany .....	555	199
New Albany, Including		
North Side Mission .....	582	
Jackson, Davis Memorial ....	259	93
Jackson, 1st .....	1166	307
Jackson Calvary .....	1239	276
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including Stone Mission ....	1275	339
Jackson, North Side .....	329	89
Jackson, Van Winkle .....	291	217
Jackson, South Side .....	128	73
Center Ridge, Yazoo Co. ....	75	49
Jackson, Parkway .....	511	207
Boonville .....	256	86
Brooklyn .....	88	47
Wilburn, Lincoln Co. ....	70	50
Payne .....	156	81
Pascagoula .....	644	183
Hebron, Yazoo Co. ....	73	95
Gulf Port, First .....	497	142
Tochawa .....	37	27
Brooklyn, 1st .....	722	130
Centerville .....	136	34
Batesville .....	204	60
Friendship, Pike Co. ....	187	136
Coulka .....	100	48
Crossroads, Webster Co. ....	69	37
Louisville 1st .....	365	73
Columbus 1st .....	107	163
Bethal, Pratt River .....	69	90
Lingwood .....	51	
Tupelo, Harrisburg .....	310	102
Center, Union Co. ....	124	74
East McComb .....	398	227
Siloma, Simpson Co. ....	71	62
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Brooklyn .....	106	61
Oak Grove, Calhoun Co. ....	86	72
Booneville .....	277	93

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Who Is Our Founder?

BY G. L. MCINTYRE, Pound, Va.

Recently someone wrote the editor of a non-Baptist religious magazine asking him: "Did Roger Williams found the Baptist Church?" The answer came back: "He did not." That much of his answer was doubly correct. In the first place there is, strictly speaking, no such institution as "The Baptist Church." There are thousands of Baptist churches of the same faith and order. These churches are independent churches mentioned in the New Testament. There is no central authority (as the term, "The Church" suggests) which legislates for the churches and controls all of them. All the churches may cooperate with one another in the work of the Kingdom, but each church remains independent of every other church in the exercise of its constitutional powers. When a Baptist uses the term, "The Baptist Church," he does not mean the denomination as a whole, but one particular Baptist church.

In the next statement by the above editor, he made the same mistake as did his questioner by also using the term, "The Baptist Church." Further-recognized founders of the Baptist denomination." I doubt if one out of two thousand Baptists ever heard of these two men. And certainly they are not the founders of the Baptist denomination. History reveals that long before the time of Calvin and Luther Baptist congregations existed in the face of severe persecutions. They bore different names from time to time long before the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century. They were nicknamed "Baptist" about the year 1500, but traces of the same faith can be found along the way back to Apostolic times. History records that the two men, referred to by our misinformed editor, did identify themselves with the Baptists in Amsterdam, Holland, 1609. Helwys and others afterwards returned to England and "established in London, in 1611 the first permanent Baptist con-

Parker To Carthage  
Much Progress At Magee



Rev. G. O. Parker, for 12 2-3 years pastor at Magee has resigned in order to accept the pastorate at Carthage. Carthage has been without a pastor for several months, since the resignation of Dr. William Potter.

During Mr. Parker's pastorate at Magee much progress has been made. A pastor's home has been built, a \$7,000 church debt has been paid, a \$13,000 annex built, some lots acquired next to the church, \$6,000 in the church treasury mission gifts increased from \$1200 to \$6,000, and the membership increased from \$1200 to \$6000, and the membership increased from 400 to more than 600. The Sunday School has increased more than 50 per cent and a fine fellowship exists in the church.

Concerning leaving Magee Pastor Parker says: "These have been pleasant years at Magee. The many personal gifts and words of regret at our leaving make it hard to break away. The words of praises from members and others and the gift from the church, a set of sterling silver, stirred our hearts. We give thanks to God for letting us serve such a loyal church."

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The New Zion Church, Copiah County, held the annual revival the week of July 13-20. Dr. D. A. McCall was the visiting preacher and Rev. Zeno Wells of McComb was in charge of the music. There were 7 additions, and another came the following Sunday night for baptism. The church raised and subscribed \$1500 for the purpose of reworking the pews. This work is being done now. Rev. Guy Little is pastor.

Edon Church, Jasper County, held their Vacation Bible School July 21-25, and had an enrollment of 75 pupils. There were 11 faculty members. Mrs. W. G. Kelly was Superintendent and Miss Glamice McCarty was pianist. Rev. C. J. Hughes is pastor of the church.

gregation on English soil." (A History of the Christian Church-Walker).

As many religious bodies did, Baptists in colonial days, came to America to enjoy religious freedom. In 1638 John Clarke established the first Baptist church in America at Newport, Rhode Island. The next year Roger Williams, having been banished from Salem, Mass., for holding Baptist views, established a Baptist church at Providence, Rhode Island.

So we see that none of those men were original in founding the Baptist denomination. The only explanation as to Baptist beginnings is with Christ and the Apostles. Every church must have no other than Christ as its authority: "All other ground is sinking sand."

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle on Page 14

Springhill Church, Simpson County, held their annual revival August 3-10, with Rev. J. P. Bush, Hopewell, as the visiting preacher. The pastor, Rev. Guy Little, led the singing. The people were so impressed with Rev. Bush that he was asked to return next year. There were 2 additions, both by baptism. The people are happy to have a new church, equipped with electricity.

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## Association Time Is Here

Porter Routh

"Ward's Grove Baptist Church entertained the Concord Association last week." For the county-seat paper, that one line might tell the story, but for Southern Baptists there are pages of interest in the story of the annual associational meeting.

Since October 21, 1751, when messengers from Ashley River and Welsh Neck churches met with messengers from Charleston in South Carolina, the annual associational meeting has become a fixture in Southern Baptist life. From the association meetings have come most of the initial suggestions for the present southwide mission agencies and institutions. In the associational meeting is to be found that spirit of freedom and Christian democracy which has contributed to the growth of the Baptist cause. There is something of the spirit of the family reunion in the associational meeting. At Ward's Grove last week, there were rows of cakes and pies with piles of fried chicken and mountains of potato salad, all arranged on long tables, prepared under the shade of the trees. Ministers and laymen, relaxing after the morning session, compared notes on church progress as they munched on a chicken leg or searched for a favorite kind of pie.

In the deliberations, Moderator Allen C. Barrett presided with an easy informality, despite his double responsibility of serving as host pastor.

Reports on the orphans home, the state Baptist paper, home and foreign missions, religious literature, state and associational missions, Sunday school and Training Union, W.M.U. and Brotherhood, all seemed to fit into a pattern which will be cut in 926 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention, yet there was something about each report and each speech which seemed to make it vital for Ward's Grove and Concord Association.

Baptists were present from every church in the association. There were coatless, sun-bronzed farmers, who had left their fields for this one day. There were busy merchants who had left their stores in the towns and cities. There were young mothers with their babies. There were grandmothers, showing lines of Christian service in their faces. They came in rattling old trucks and shiny late-model sedans.

Yes! Ward's Grove Baptist Church entertained Concord Association last week. But the delegates from the United Nations might well have visited to discover the basic elements of cooperation to be found in Christian democracy. All of the votes at Ward's Grove were not unanimous. In the 140 year history of Concord Association, there have been periods of dissension, but there was an underlying spirit of purpose and harmony which will live on. It will be found in the reports of the churches of the associations. It will be found in the deliberations of Southern Baptist associations this year.

Your association may meet next week or the next. See that your church letter is prepared and sent to the associational clerk before the time of the meeting. See that your church is represented in the meeting. Make plans to attend! It will give you courage for the days ahead.

## Word Pictures From Ridgecrest

By Beth Prim

A young Southern Baptist missionary to San Andres Island, South America, stood before the massive foreign missions conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly last week. And the story he told them was so thought provoking that it was the mealtime discussion for days afterward.

"I need a sea plane," Rev. C. W. McCullough, missionary to San Andres Island told them. "I need it because souls need Christ on the islands around me. I could get to them in a few minutes by plane to do the work for Jesus Christ. By boat, the trip takes weeks.

"The unsaved people on other islands must be neglected for lack of time and a plane. . .

"If I only had a plane . . ."

It takes two days and two nights by canoe on dangerously rough waters to get to "The Church on the Water" in South Africa. The "Water Church" has no pastor, so Rev. E. Milford Howell, young missionary to Africa goes from his post to preach and baptize and visit about once a year.

"Eight rowers furnished the power for the two canoes which made the last trip," the missionary told us at Ridgecrest last week. Grass roofs are spread over the canoes because we are only four degrees from the equator. The native cooks using methods known only to them built fires and cooked their meals in the second canoe. At mealtime, ground corn, cooked eggs, and homemade bread was handed over to the Howell canoe. "Chops ready," the cook announced.

Neither boat stopped to cook or to eat. They dipped their hands in the river water after the meal, still going full speed. They stopped only after 24 hours of hard rowing to exercise and to rest the rowers. But there was no place to stay all night in the fishing village.

The river was so rough the rowers were afraid to go on since they had nearly capsized twice already. All of them knelt to pray.

And the little party went on. They arrived safely, baptized 12 candidates who had been waiting a year for baptism, in the river, preached for The Church on the Water, and readied themselves for the hard journey up the river.

They went to the little Christian school, taught by a national in Itsekewela and visited the sick and spread the Gospel.

The people swarmed around them as they shoved off, giving them gifts and begging them to return soon.

The last thing the people of Itsekewela asked for was a Christian missionary of their own.

"Please, please," they begged.

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The Highland Heights Church, Memphis, Tennessee, has called Mr. C. Lamar Alexander as Minister of Music and Education and he has accepted. Mr. Alexander was with Dr. Murphy, pastor of Highland Heights Church, for 3½ years in the Valance Church of New Orleans.

Luther C. Carter has recently accepted the position as full-time Minister of Music for the Petworth Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. Mr. Carter was for eight years head of the Music Department at Carson Newman College. He was also Music Director at First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. Rev. James P. Rodgers is the pastor of the Petworth Baptist Church.



AN A-1 UNION — Pictured above is the intermediate training union of Edon Church, Jasper County, Rev. C. J. Hughes, pastor. This union has fulfilled all the requirements for the standard of excellence for the second quarter and has received the proper award from the Training Union Department. The leader is Mrs. W. G. Kelly and Emette Earl McCarty is the sponsor.

Rev. Andrew W. Reeves, after 18 months of recuperation, is sufficiently strong to do supply work. He has recently done such work at First Church, Pensacola, Florida; First Church, Dothan, Alabama; First Church, Quincy, Florida; and Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Alabama. Churches interested should write him at P.O. Box 5186, Pensacola, Florida.

Rev. C. S. Wales, long time Mississippi pastor, is now doing colportage work without salary and would be glad to help anywhere in reach of Blue Mountain. He represents Moody Press and American Bible Society, and has an attractive proposition concerning church libraries. His address is Blue Mountain.

Warren Cappel, Florida, has been named Training Union Secretary for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Reports from many observers who attended the Baptist World Alliance indicate that there was no discrimination against Negroes at the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen. Some Negroes did not have the best hotel facilities, but many others of all races had to stay under similar conditions because of the large crowd.

## A Clarion Call To Southern Baptists

A merciful and effective Saviour is limited in his power to meet the tragic and urgent need of a world without hope by the worldliness and complacency of the people who profess to know and serve him. In the meantime, political, economic, social, and moral disorder reigns, and chaos draws nearer and nearer. This is the conviction of a group of Southern Baptists, representing every section of the Southland, gathered at Ridgecrest.

Immediately following an evening service on August 26, the congregation went to prayer. After confession of sin and fervent petition, there arose a spontaneous desire to challenge all Southern Baptists to unite in a concerted effort that our great denomination might become a fit instrument to be used by the Holy Spirit to help prevent another war, to relieve human suffering, and to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. We believe that our fearful and disintegrating times can be redeemed by the matchless power of Christ. We believe that it is still true that God will forgive our sins and heal our land if we, who profess his name, sincerely humble ourselves and pray and seek his face and turn from our evil ways. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ can bring order out of chaos.

Therefore, we beseech all Southern Baptists to join in a re-emphasis of the Word of God as the source and inspiration of our preaching and

Pastor J. S. Deal, Start, La., writes of the good revival at his church, during which Rev. W. L. Meadows of Quitman did the preaching. There were 17 additions. Pastor Deal writes in highest terms of the preaching of Rev. Meadows.

Rev. J. M. Foy, pastor at South Laurel was the visiting preacher at the revival at New Zion Church, Choctaw County, August 3-8. There were six additions, three by baptism. Pastor H. W. Freeman led the singing.

The Second Church, Yazoo City, recently closed a ten day revival meeting. Rev. S. E. Byler, pastor at Okolona, was the visiting preacher and Rev. Bob Lowe of Jackson led the singing. There were 28 additions by baptism. Rev. J. H. Hammett is pastor.

Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, who has been serving as Chaplain at the V.A. Hospital in Gulfport, was recently transferred to the hospital at Temple, Texas. This is the Army's McCloskey General Hospital. It was taken over several months ago and opened as a General Medical and Surgical Hospital. There are about 500 beds in use now with a turnover of 75 percent each month. Dr. Eavenson was formerly pastor at Cleveland.

In a poll made by the Des Moines Register, 62 per cent of those questioned said they thought foreign mission work more important than before the war. The largest part of those expressing the need today was in the 21-30 age group.

A \$400,000 high school for Negro Catholics has been opened in Montgomery, Alabama.

Rev. and Mrs. Lake R. Pylant have been elected as deans of men and women at Wayland College in Plainview, Texas. They have already arrived and assumed their duties. Mr. Pylant is a Mississippian and holds degrees from Mississippi State and Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth.

Much of the increased income is reflected in higher prices. The Dun and Bradstreet wholesale food price index on July 8 was 31.3 per cent higher than the comparative 1946 index.

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst." —John 6:35.

practice, in a confession of our sins in earnest prayer for forgiveness and spiritual power, and in a deliberate purpose to put God and his kingdom first in our thinking, planning, and living. This purpose should be implemented by personal and group repentance, prayer, and practical effort by all people, pastors, leaders, and agencies of our Convention.

It is urged that every church, district association, convention, school, board, commission, and agency of Southern Baptists will join in calling our people to the putting of God's will first in their lives and to a new commitment of themselves and all that they are and have to him.

The atomic scientists have said, "Time is short. Survival is at stake!" Surely, this is true. "Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" (Rom. 13:12-14).

(Prepared at the request of those attending the last week of the 1947 Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly and unanimously submitted by them to the Executive Committee and agencies of the Southern and state conventions with the request that this CALL be published to our people by all means available.)